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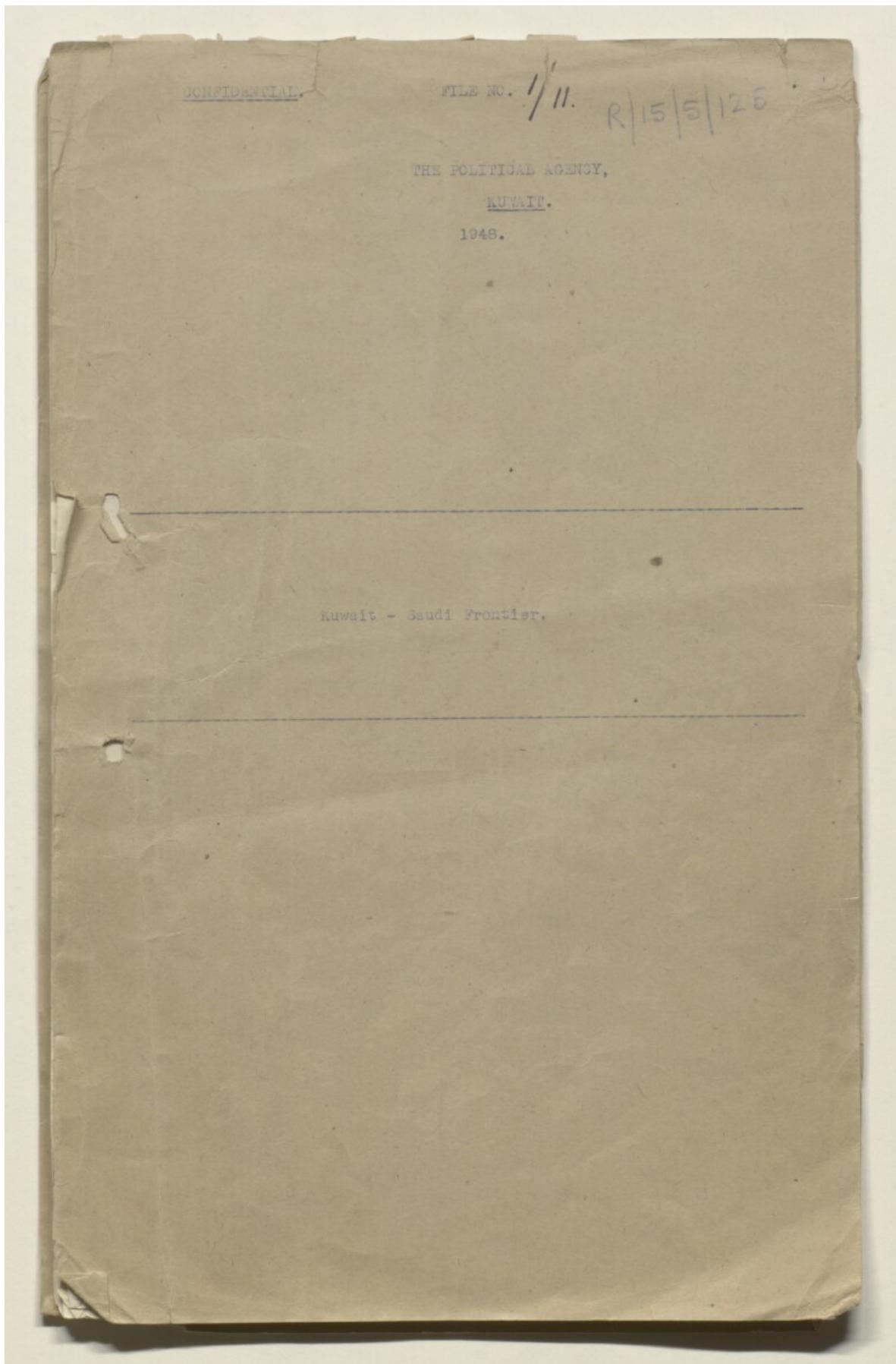
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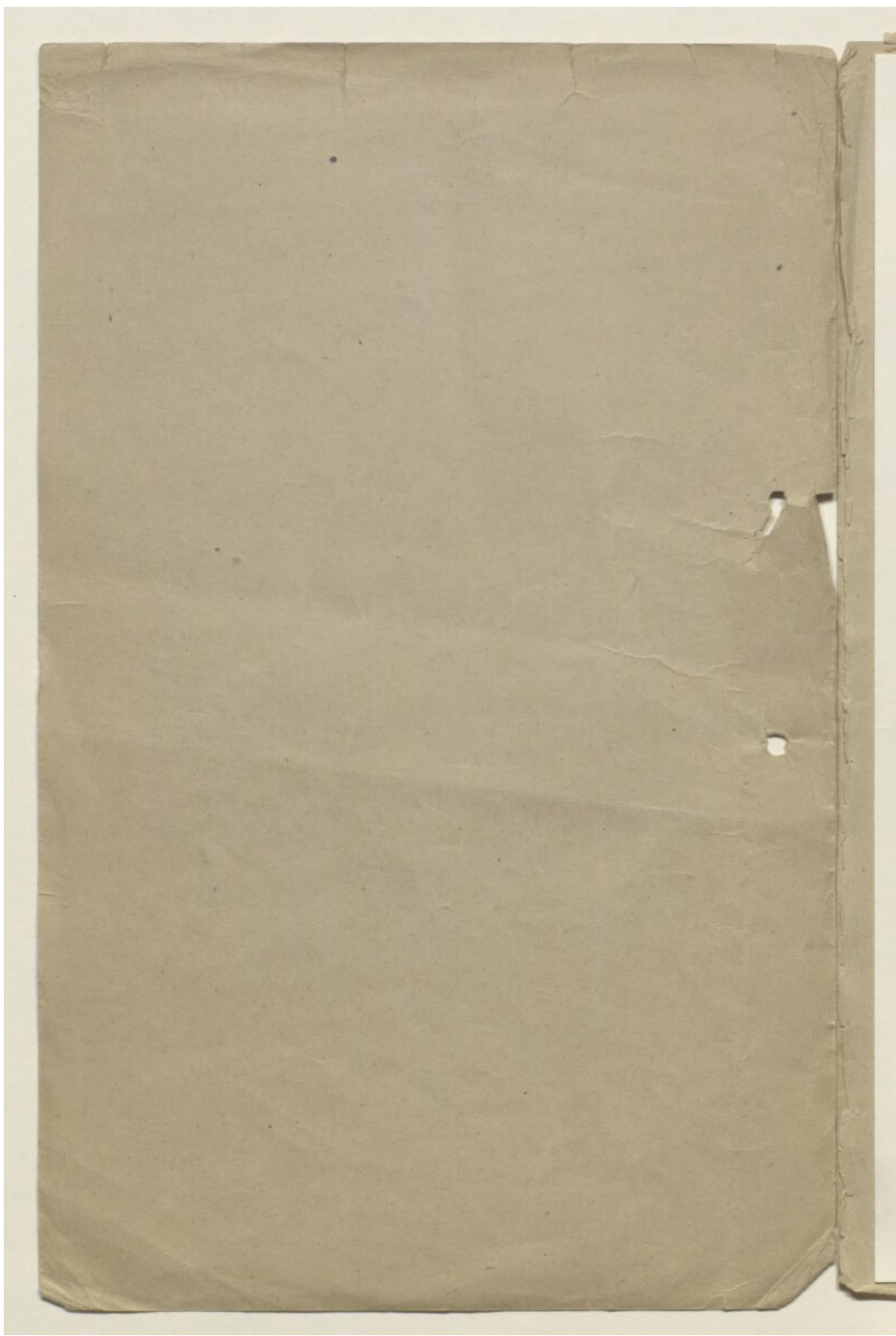
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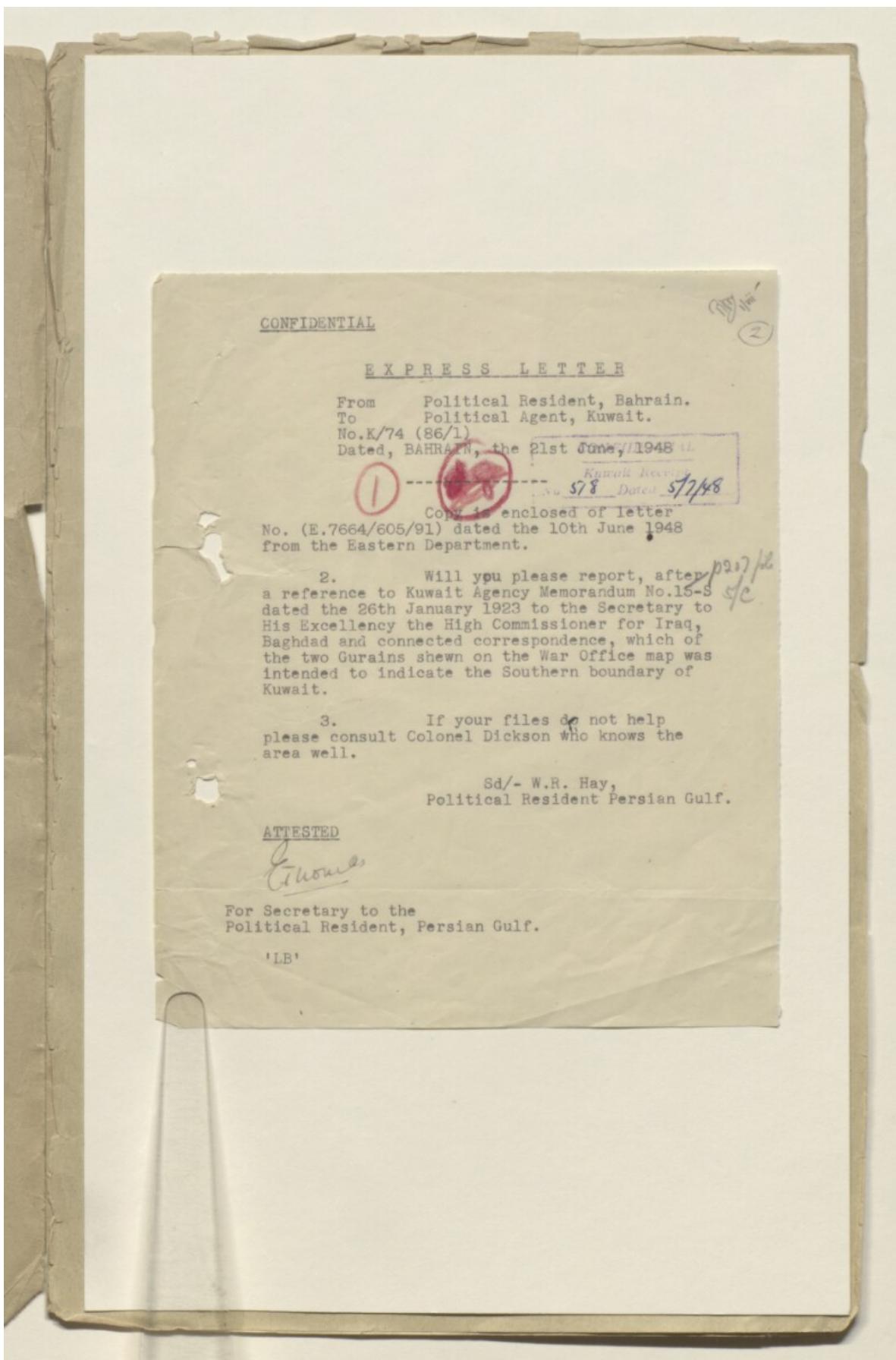
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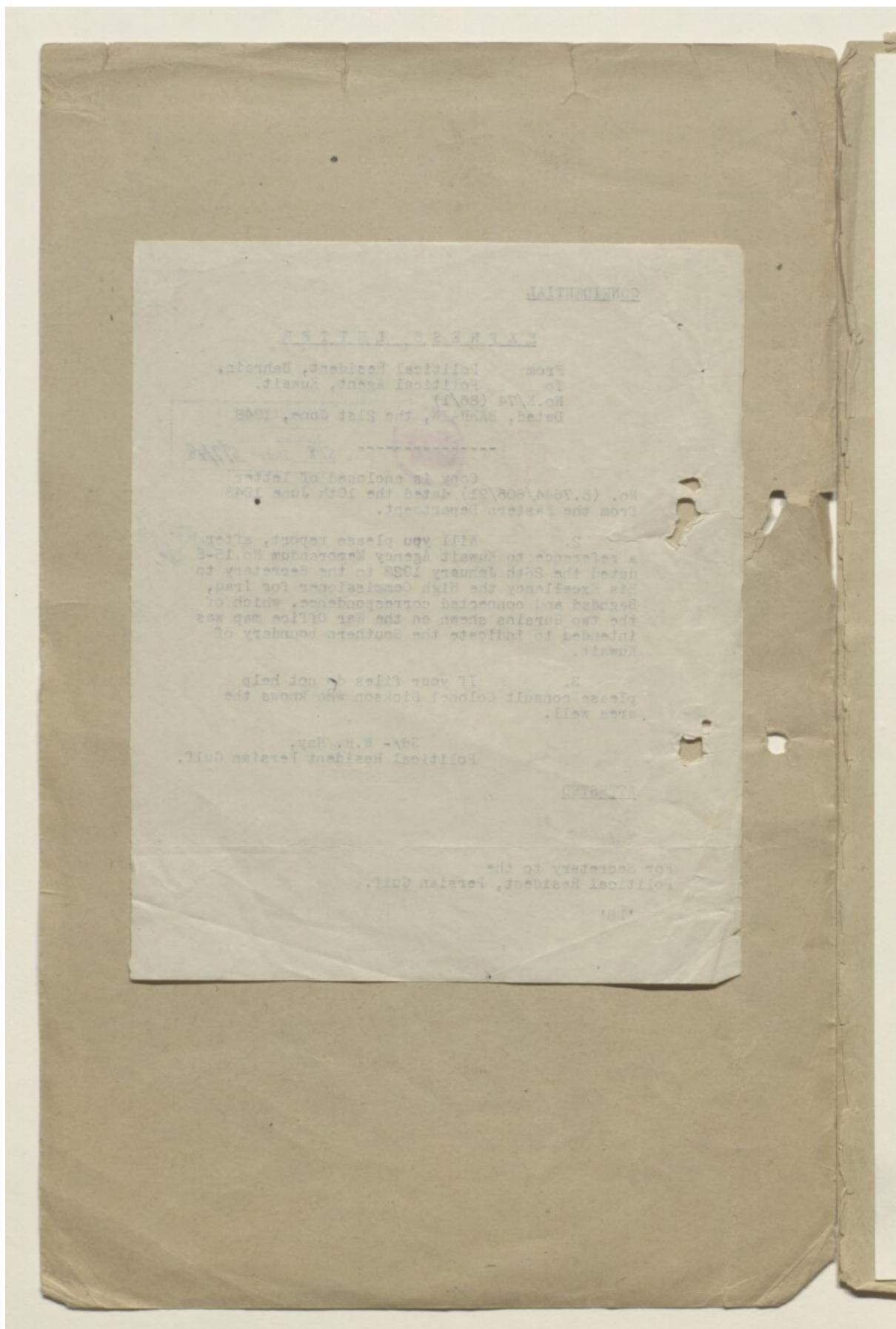




"الحدود الكويتية-السعودية". [أمامي-داخلي] (٤٨/٢)







Copy of F.O. letter No.E.7664/605/91 dt.10/6/48 to | a  
Residency, Bahrain:-

Dear Residency,

We enclose a copy of letter dated 2nd June from Mr.R.I. Hallows of the Kuwait Oil Company and should be grateful to receive any observations you may have to make.

Yours ever,  
Eastern Department,

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Copy of letter dated 2nd June from K.O.C.Ltd. 1, Great Cumberland Place, London, W.1. to Mr. Pyman, Foreign Office, London.

Dear Pyman,

We should like to be quite clear as to the position of Gurain on the Southern limit of our Concession area. As you know this place is mentioned in the Anglo-Turkish Convention of 1913 referred to in the Kuwait-Nejd Boundary Convention of 1922.

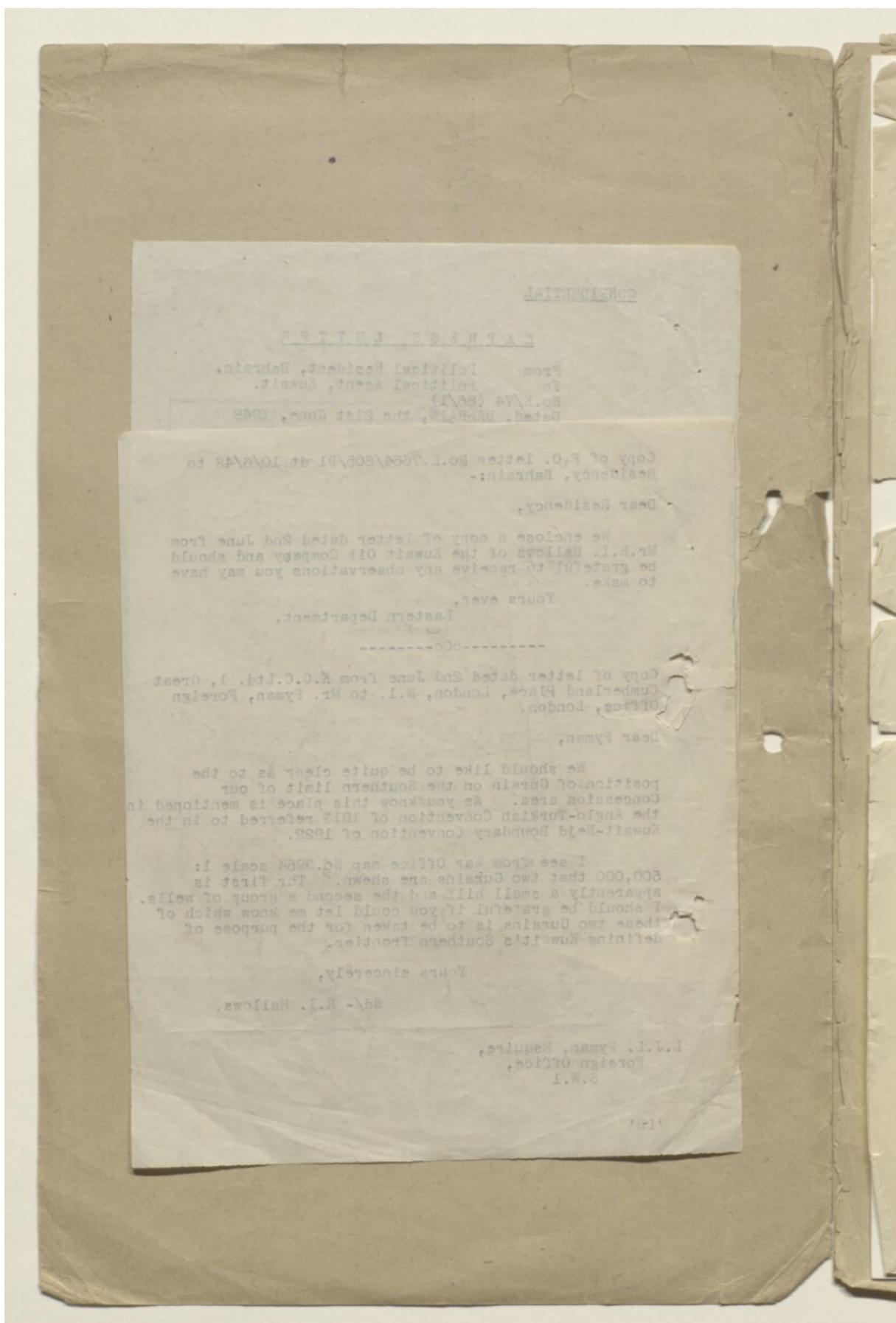
I see from War Office map No.3954 scale 1: 500,000 that two Gurains are shewn. The first is apparently a small hill and the second a group of wells. I should be grateful if you could let me know which of these two Gurains is to be taken for the purpose of defining Kuwait's Southern frontier.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- R.I. Hallows.

L.J.L. Pyman, Esquire,  
Foreign Office,  
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POLITICAL AGENCY, KUWAIT.

EXPRESS LETTER.

From Political, Kuwait.

To Prodrome, Bahrain.

No. R/37 (4/6)

Dated 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1948.

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Your Express Letter No. K/74 dated 21st June 1948. Southern Boundary of Kuwait.

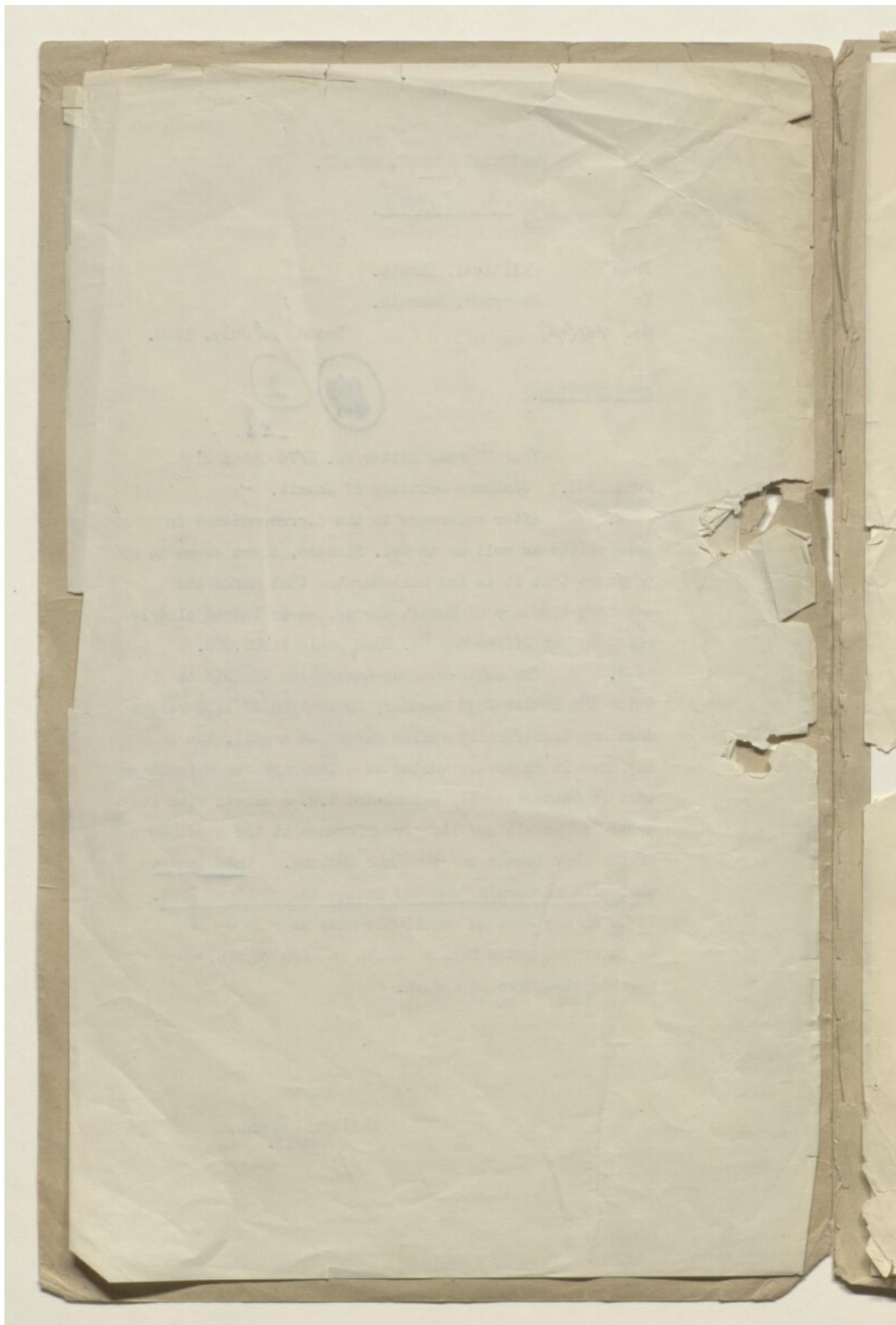
2. After reference to the correspondence in this office as well as to Col. Dickson, there seems to me no doubt that it is the hill Gurain that marks the southern boundary of Kuwait proper, as is indeed clearly shown on War Office Map No. 3954 Scale 1:500,000.

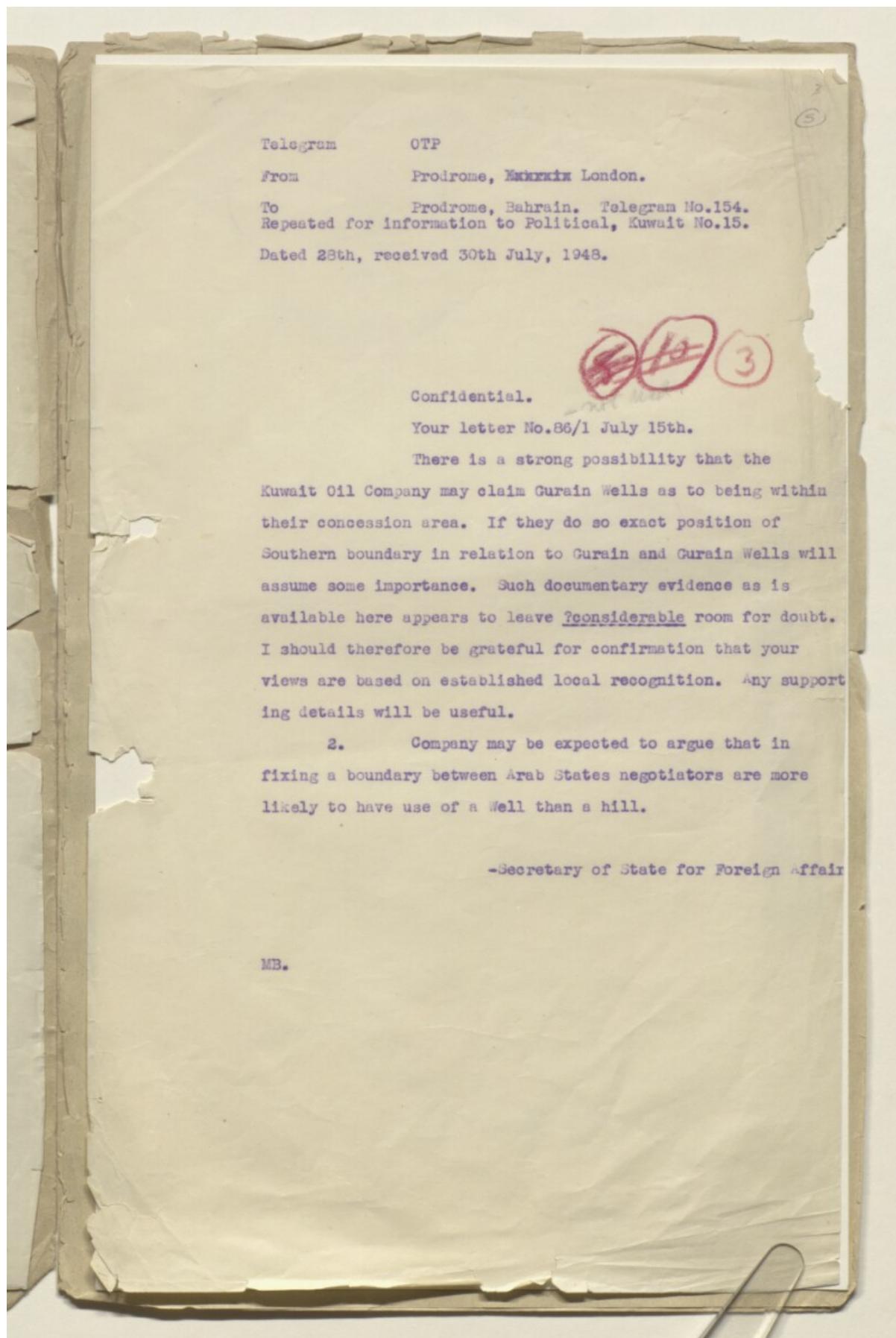
3. The Anglo-Turkish Convention of 1913 to which the Kuwait Nejd Boundary Convention of 1922 refers does not specifically define Gurain as a hill, but in any case it is merely quoted as a landmark for a frontier that is mathematically calculated i.e. a circle with its centre in Kuwait and its circumference at the confluence of the Khor Zubair and the Khor Shetana. This leaves the wells of Gurain some way inside the Neutral Zone. It is in any case an unreliable name as a landmark as it occurs again further south in Rijm Gurain, as well as elsewhere in Kuwait.

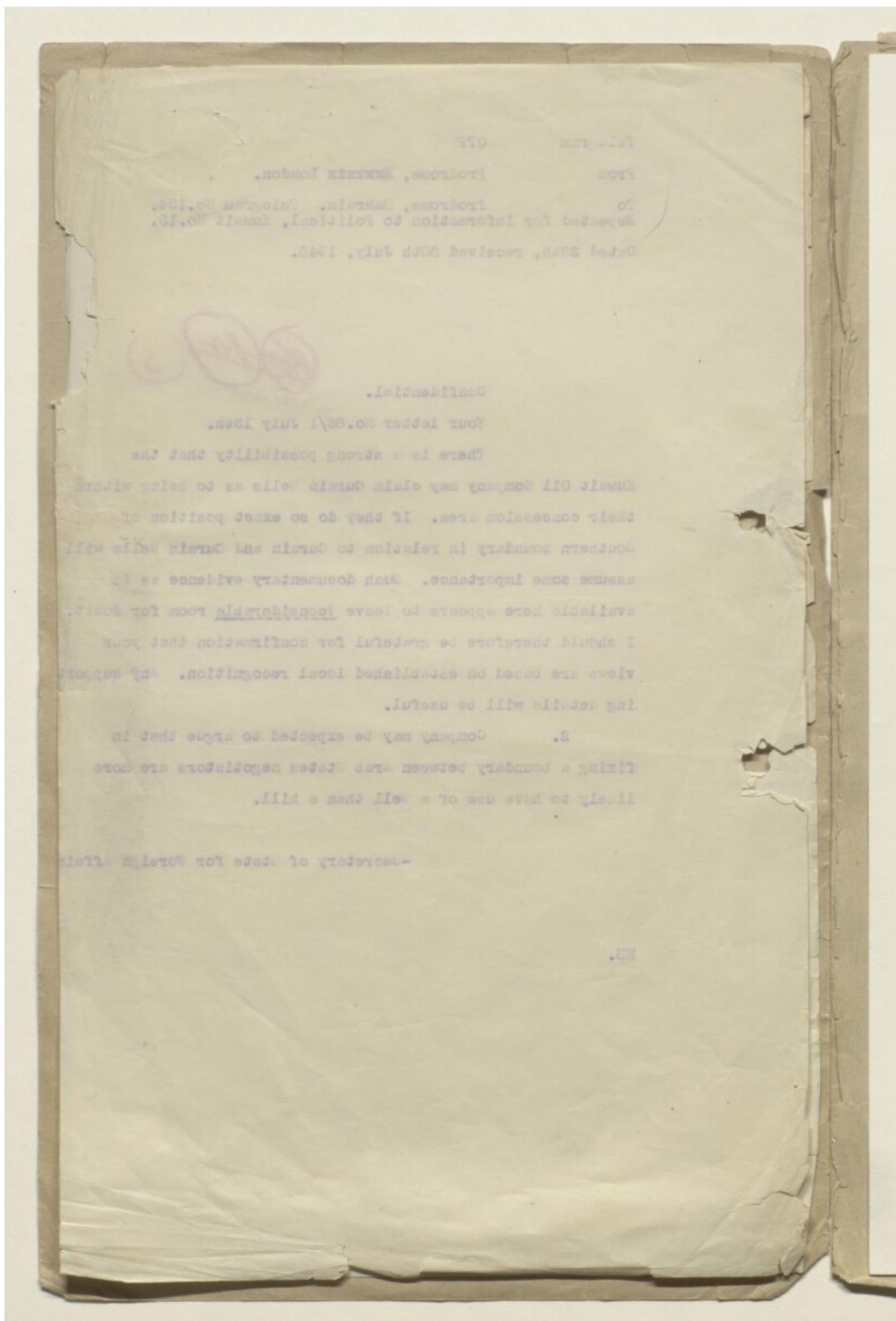
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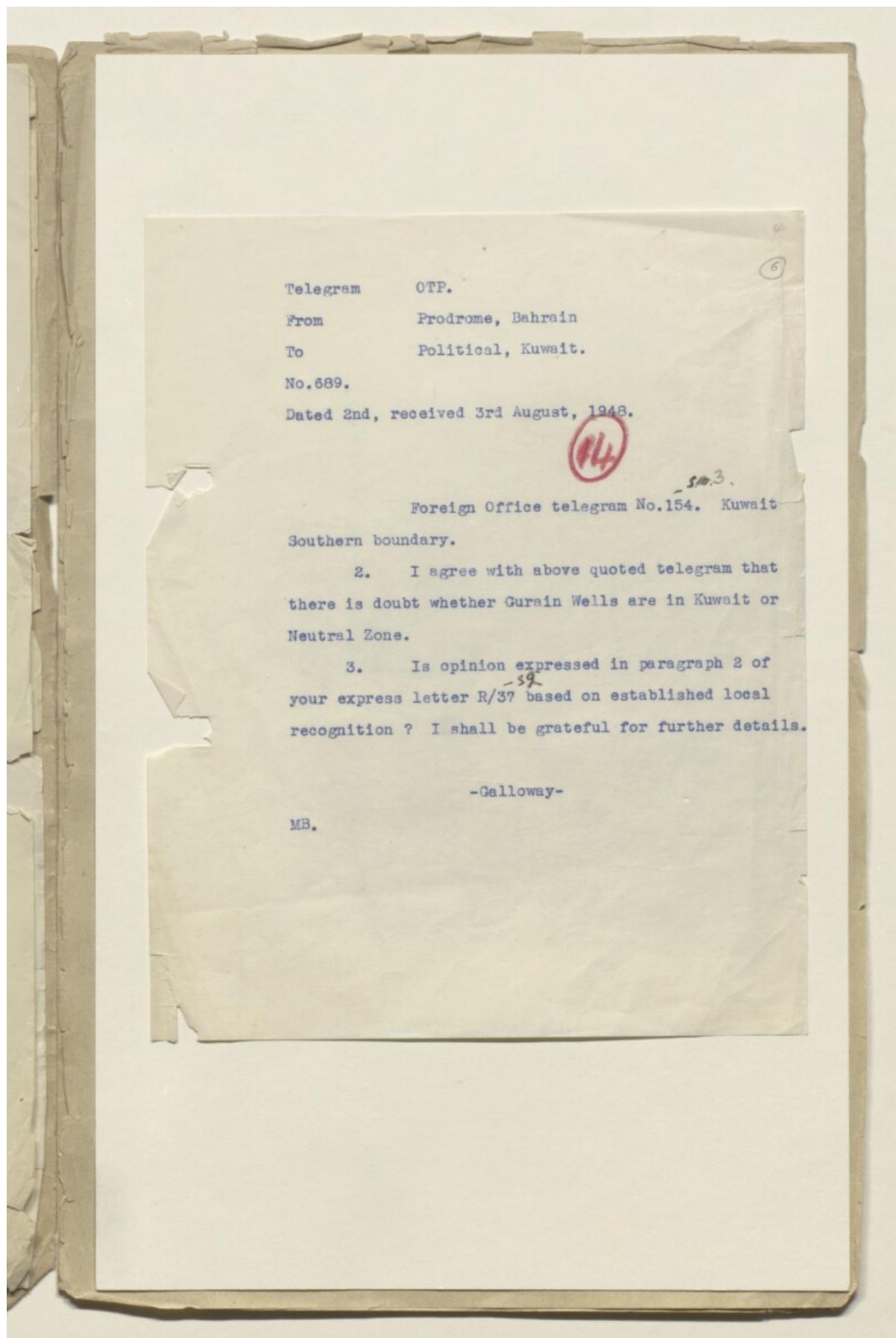
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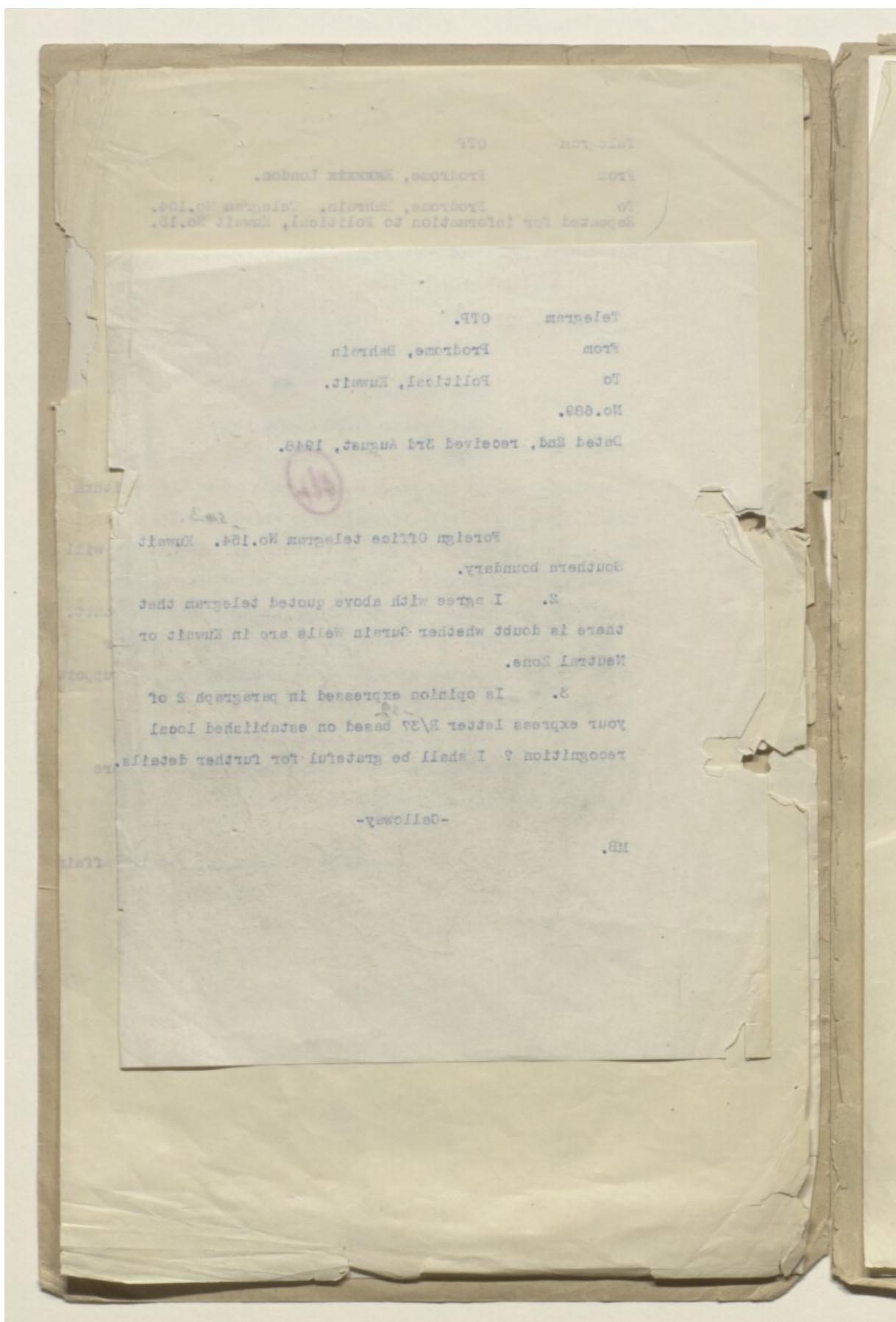
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From Political, Kuwait.

To Prodrome, Bahrain

No.R/54 (4/1).

Dated the 25th August, 1948.

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Reference your telegram No.689 dated the 2nd August, 1948 about Gurain.

2. I have discussed the matter with both His Highness the Shaikh and Abdulla Mulla, as well as paying a visit to the site in question.

3. When I brought the subject up during an interview with His Highness, both he and Abdulla Mulla claimed that Gurain Wells as well as Gurain Hill were within the Kuwait boundary. However, His Highness made the topographical mistake of claiming that it did not make much difference which was treated as the boundary mark, as the Wells and the Hill were situated on an East - West line: and he also admitted that he was relying on the "Map of the Kuwait Hinterland" compiled by Knox and Shakespeare, where he may have been misled by the fact that the boundary is marked by a thick coloured line which embraces some of the Neutral Zone as well.

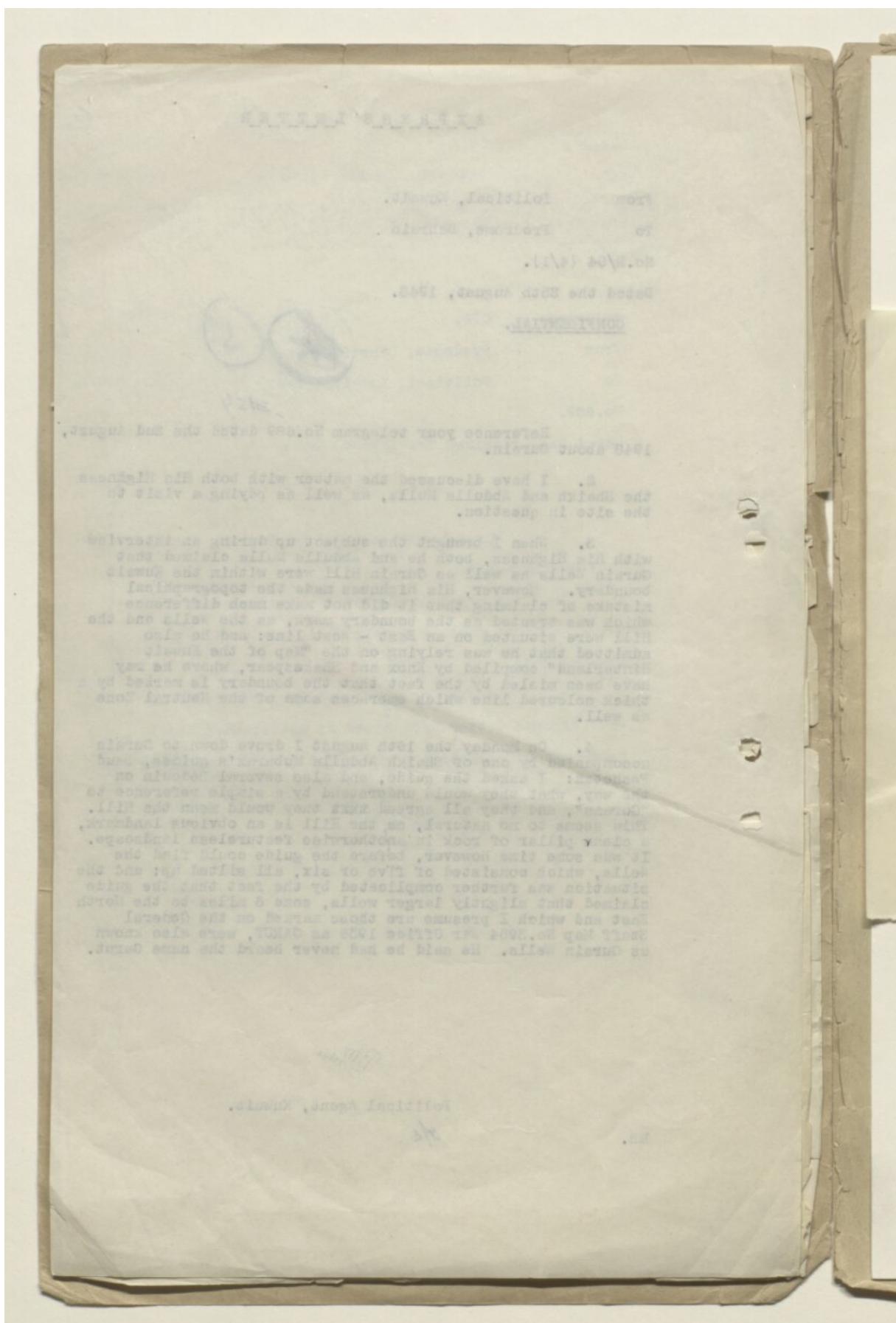
4. On Monday the 16th August I drove down to Gurain accompanied by one of Shaikh Abdulla Mubarak's guides, Saud Feshetan: I asked the guide, and also several Bedouin on the way, what they would understand by a simple reference to "Gurain", and they all agreed ~~that~~ they would mean the Hill. This seems to me natural, as the Hill is an obvious landmark, a clear pillar of rock in ~~an~~ otherwise featureless landscape. It was some time however, before the guide could find the Wells, which consisted of five or six, all silted up: and the situation was further complicated by the fact that the guide claimed that slightly larger wells, some 6 miles to the North East and which I presume are those marked on the General Staff Map No.3954 War Office 1936 as GARUT, were also known as Gurain Wells. He said he had never heard the name Garut.

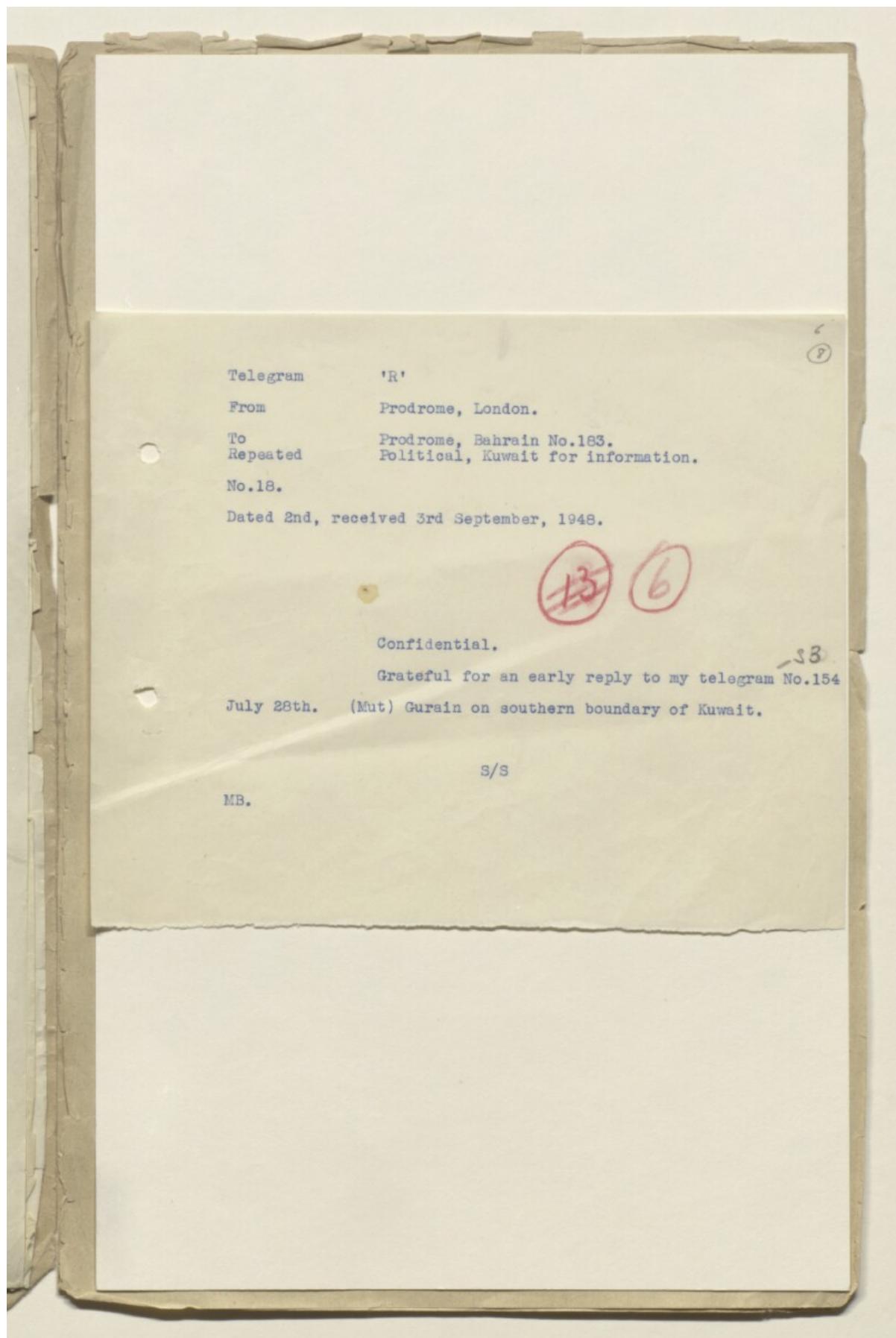
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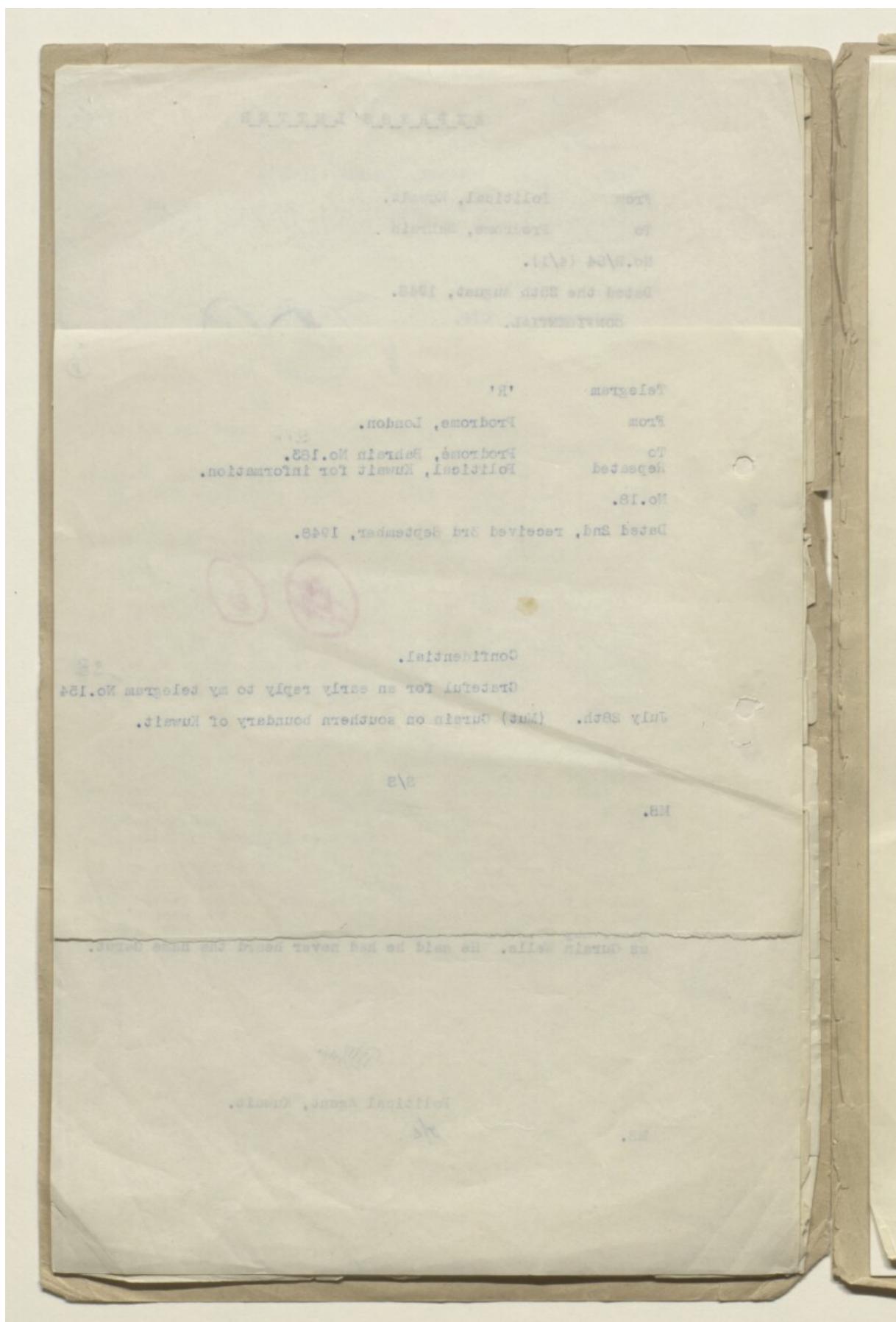
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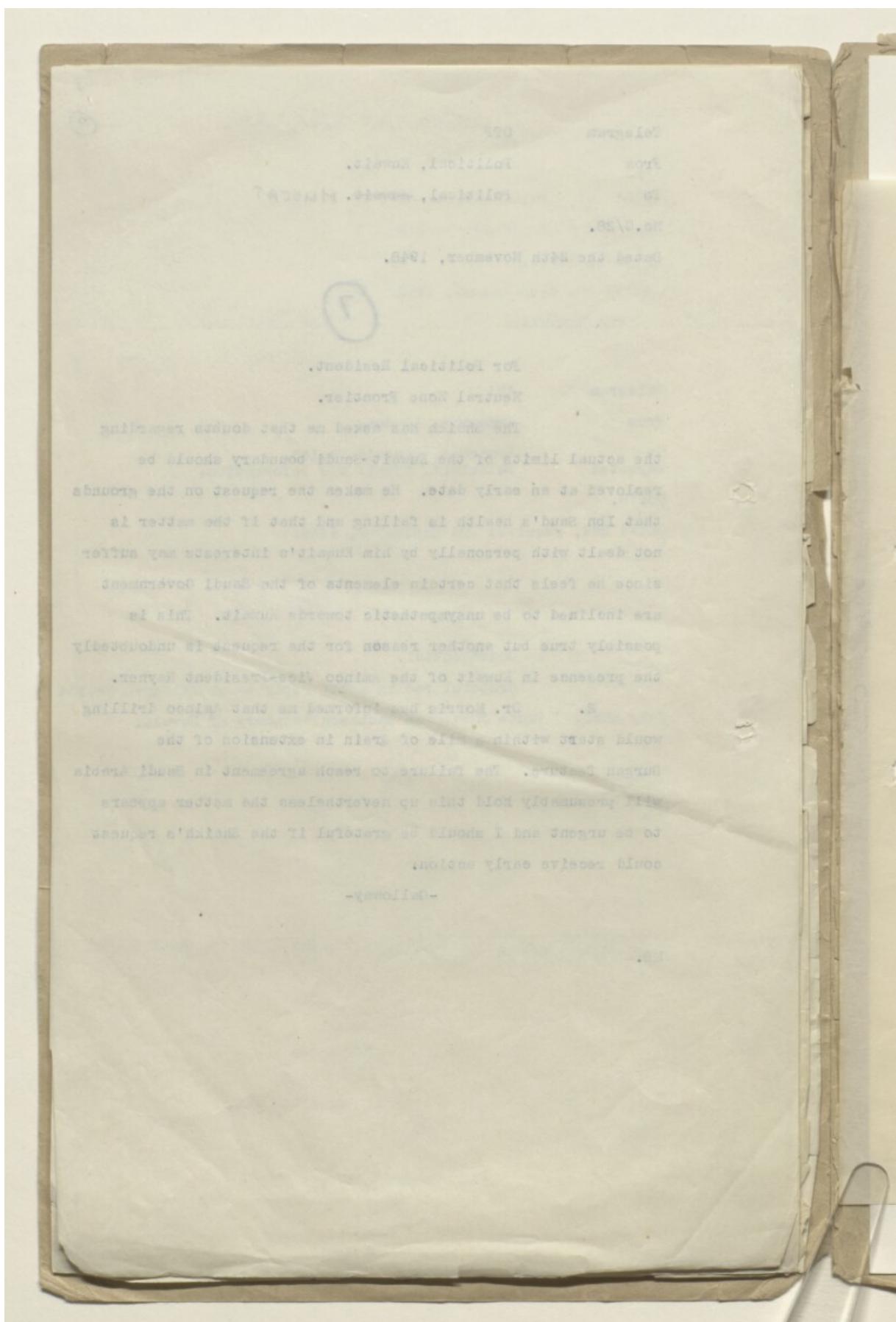
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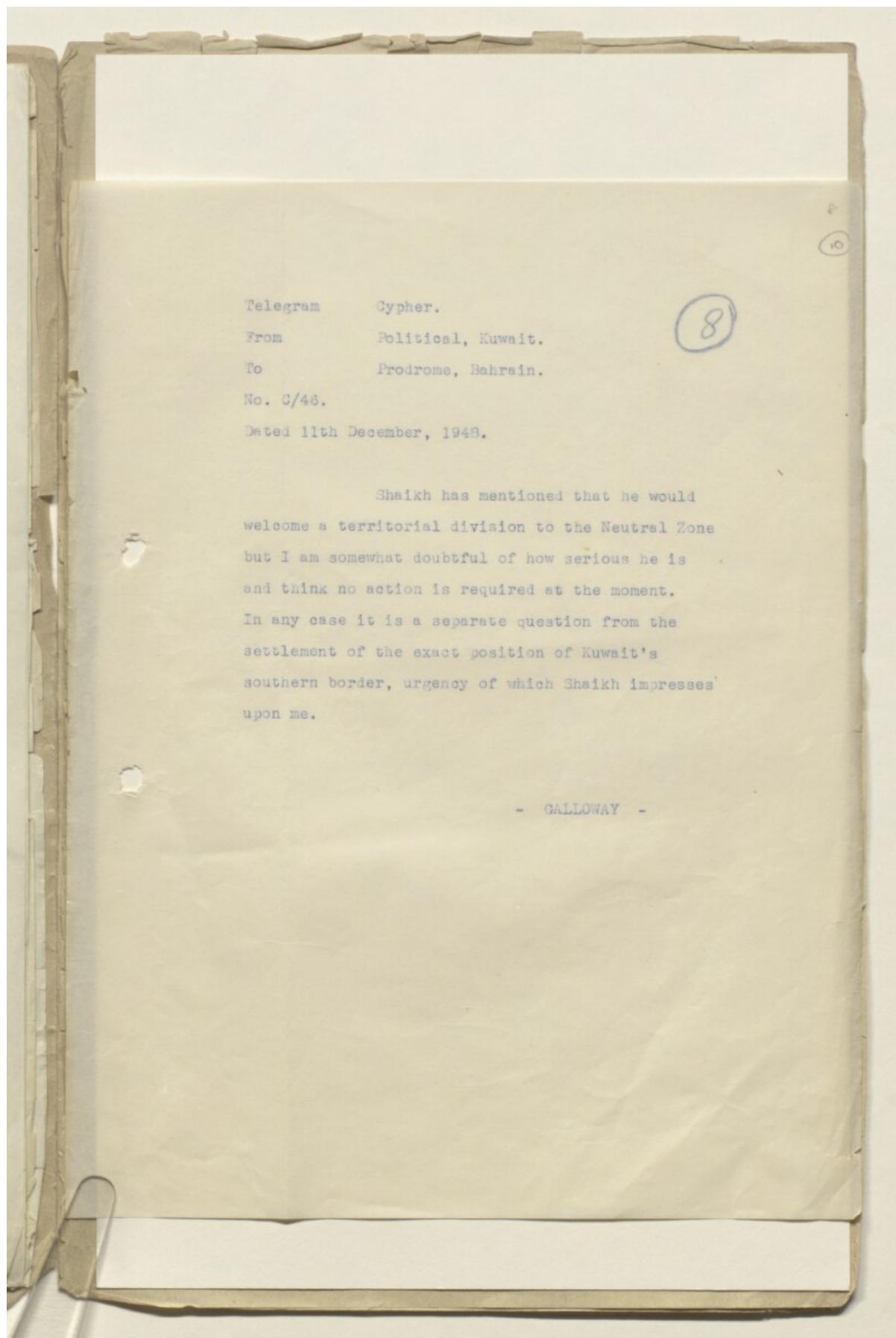
The Shaikh has asked me that doubts regarding the actual limits of the Kuwait-Saudi boundary should be resolved at an early date. He makes the request on the grounds that Ibn Saud's health is failing and that if the matter is not dealt with personally by him Kuwait's interests may suffer since he feels that certain elements of the Saudi Government are inclined to be unsympathetic towards Kuwait. This is possibly true but another reason for the request is undoubtedly the presence in Kuwait of the Aminco Vice-President Rayner.

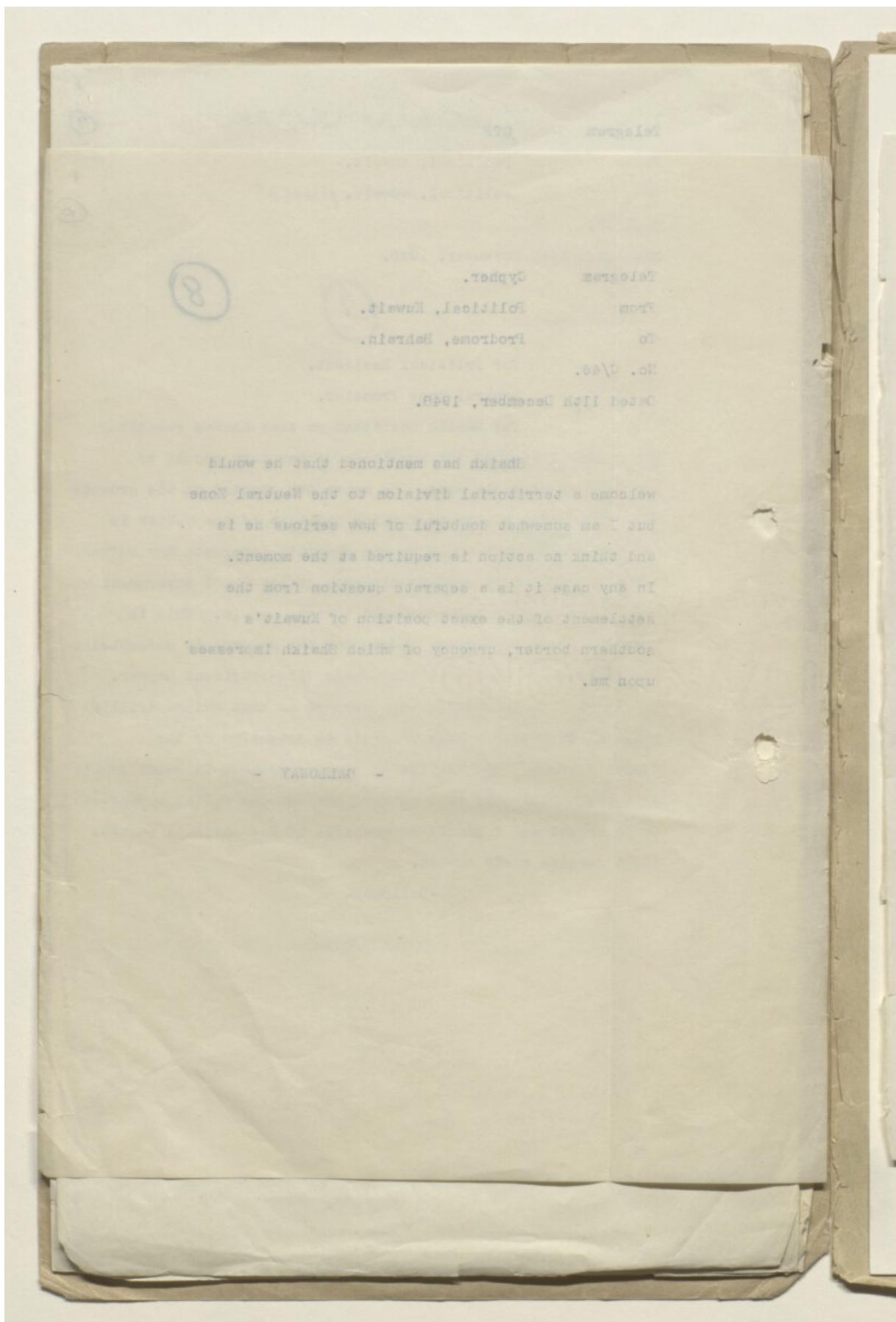
2. Dr. Morris has informed me that Aminco drilling would start within a mile of Qrain in extension of the Burgan feature. The failure to reach agreement in Saudi Arabia will presumably hold this up nevertheless the matter appears to be urgent and I should be grateful if the Sheikh's request could receive early action.

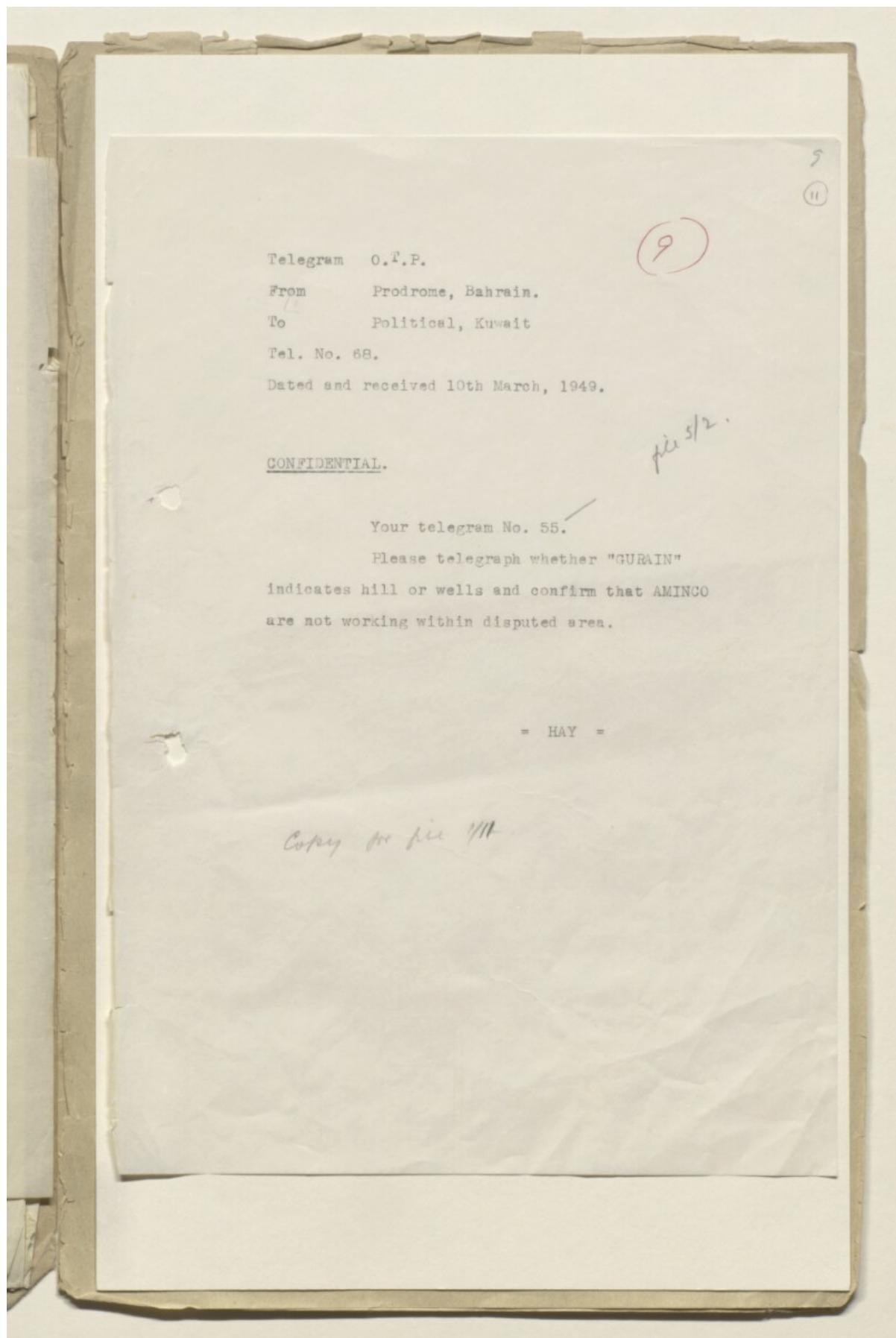
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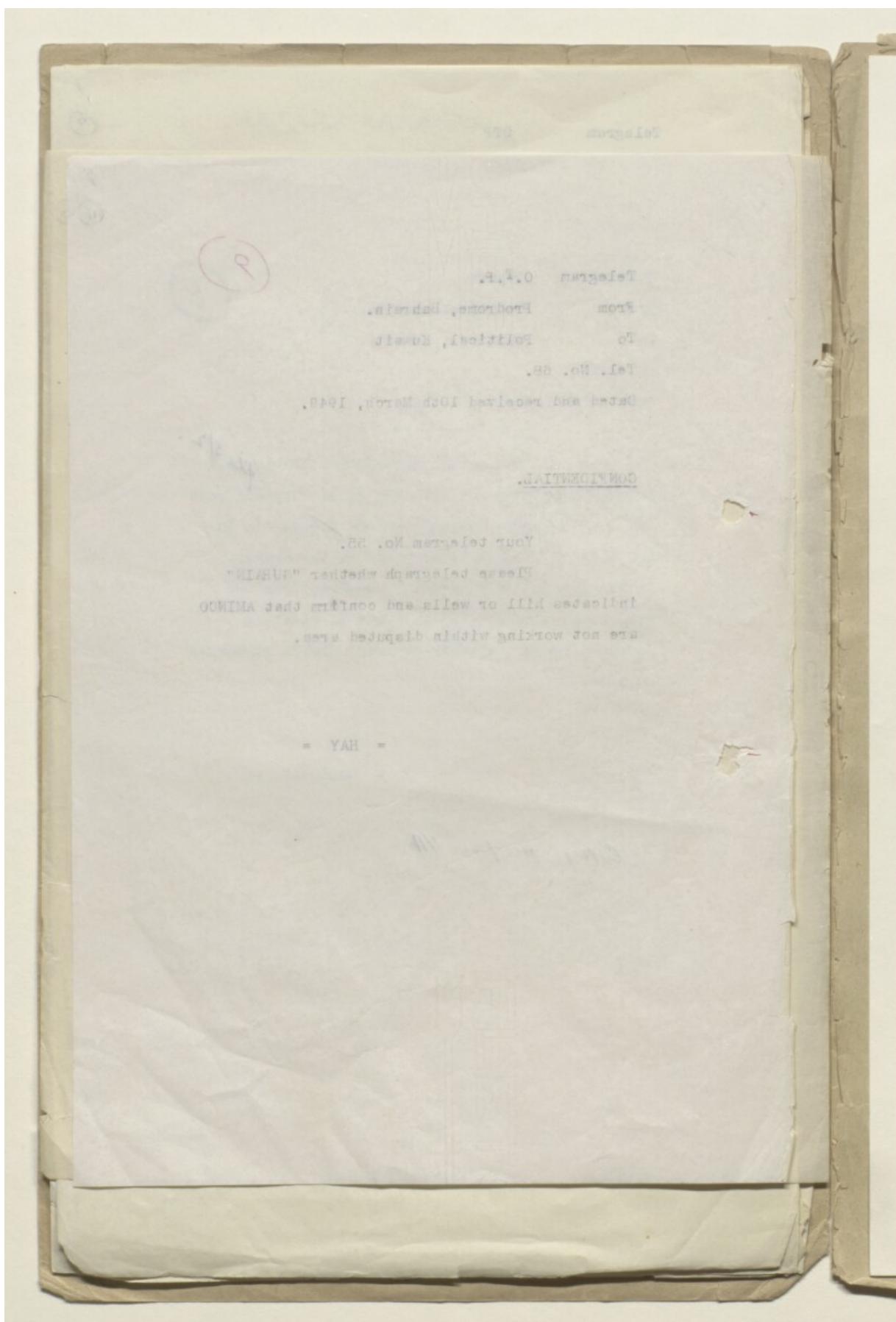
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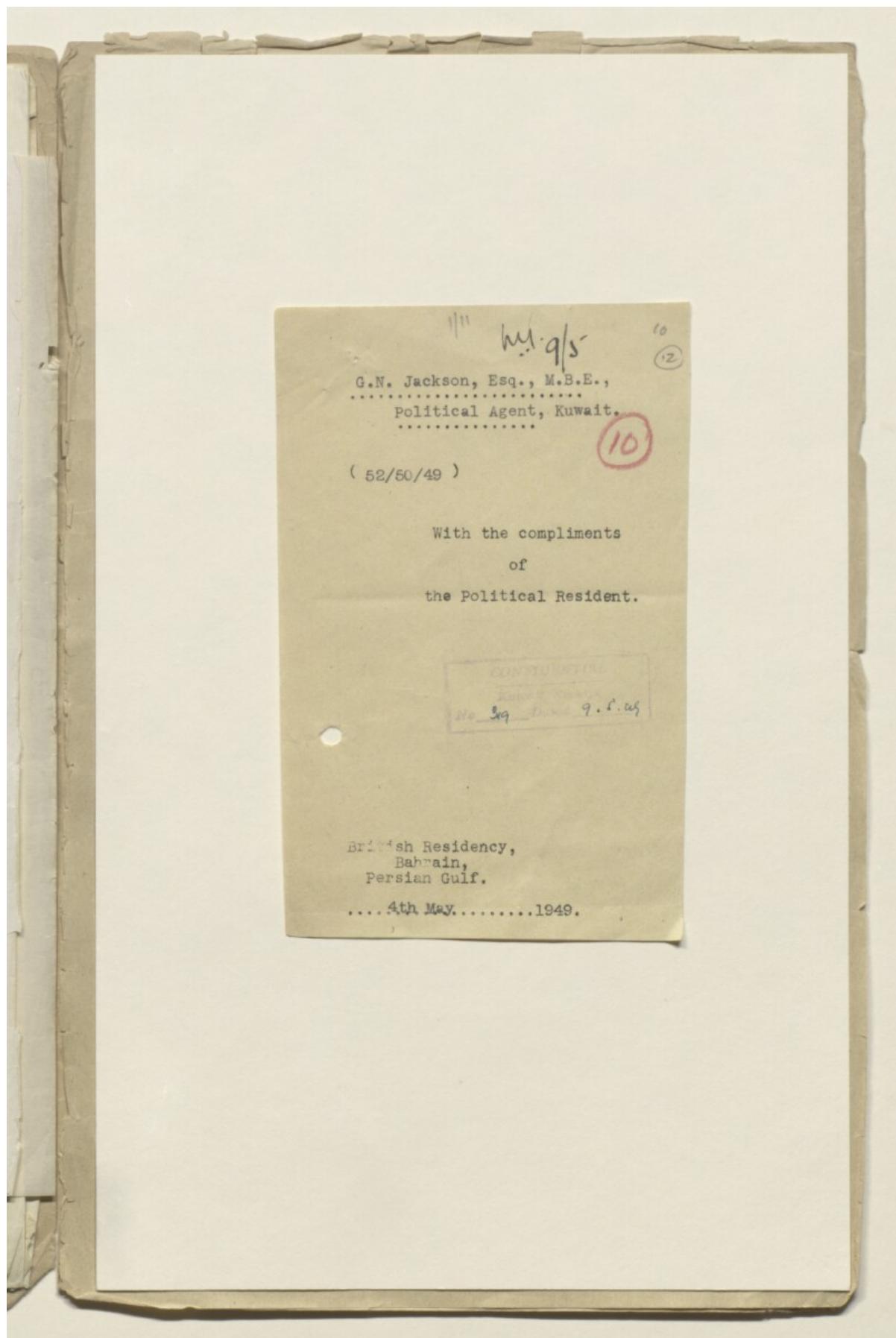


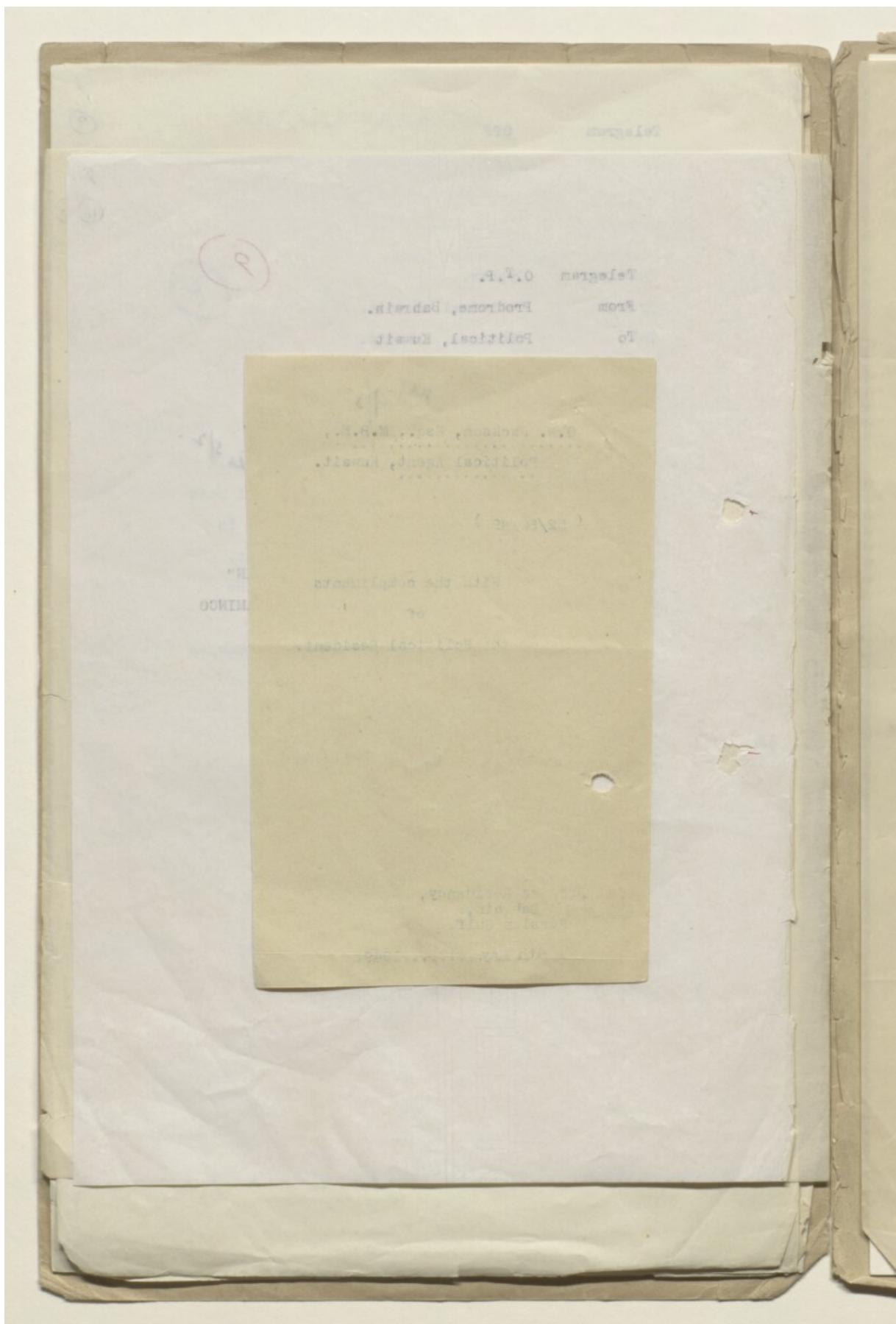












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British Embassy,  
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21st April, 1949.

Sir,

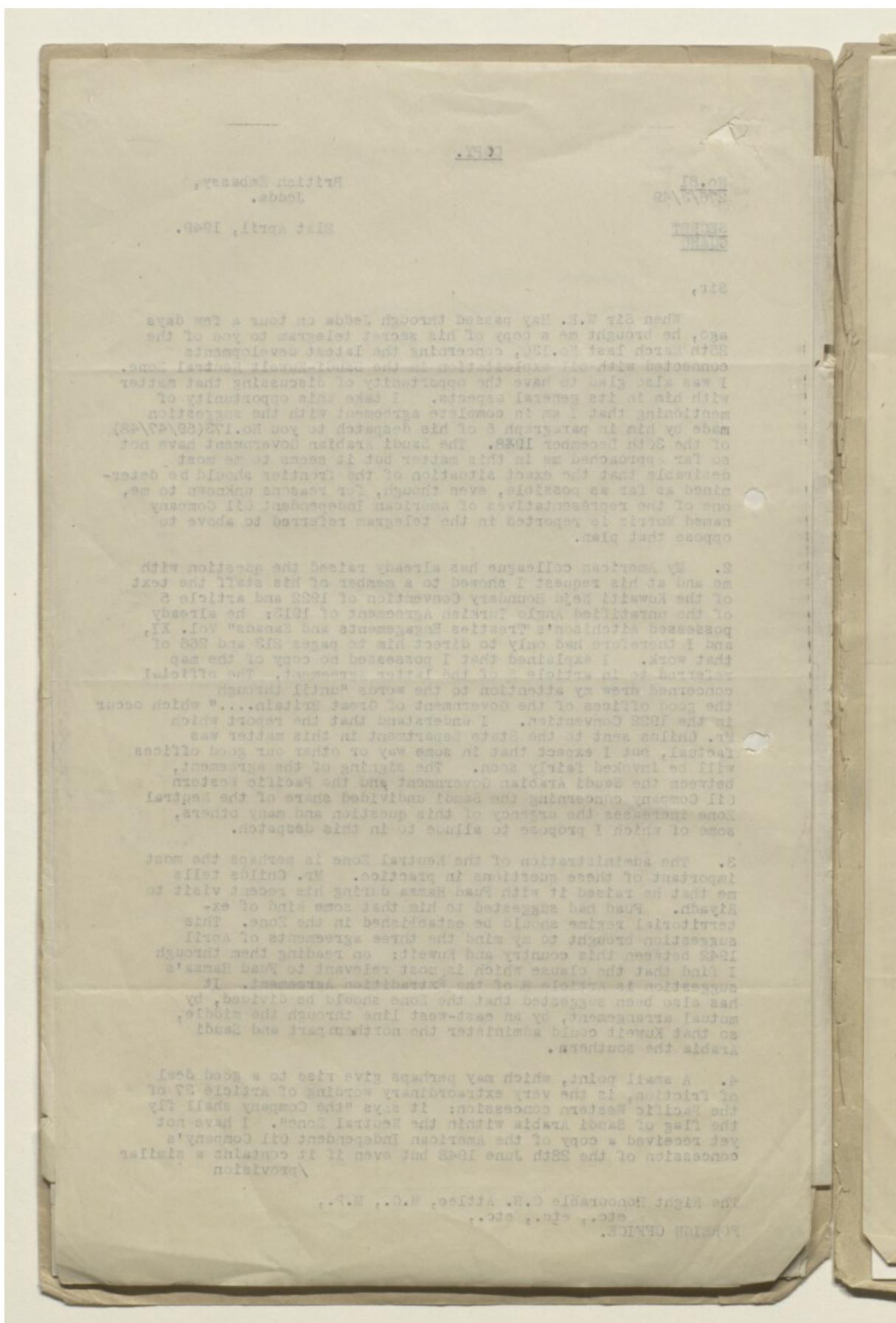
When Sir W.R. Hay passed through Jedda on tour a few days ago, he brought me a copy of his secret telegram to you of the 25th March last No.130, concerning the latest developments connected with oil exploitation in the Saudi-Kuwait Neutral Zone. I was also glad to have the opportunity of discussing that matter with him in its general aspects. I take this opportunity of mentioning that I am in complete agreement with the suggestion made by him in paragraph 5 of his despatch to you No.173(59/47/48) of the 30th December 1948. The Saudi Arabian Government have not so far approached me in this matter but it seems to me most desirable that the exact situation of the frontier should be determined as far as possible, even though, for reasons unknown to me, one of the representatives of American Independent Oil Company named Morris is reported in the telegram referred to above to oppose that plan.

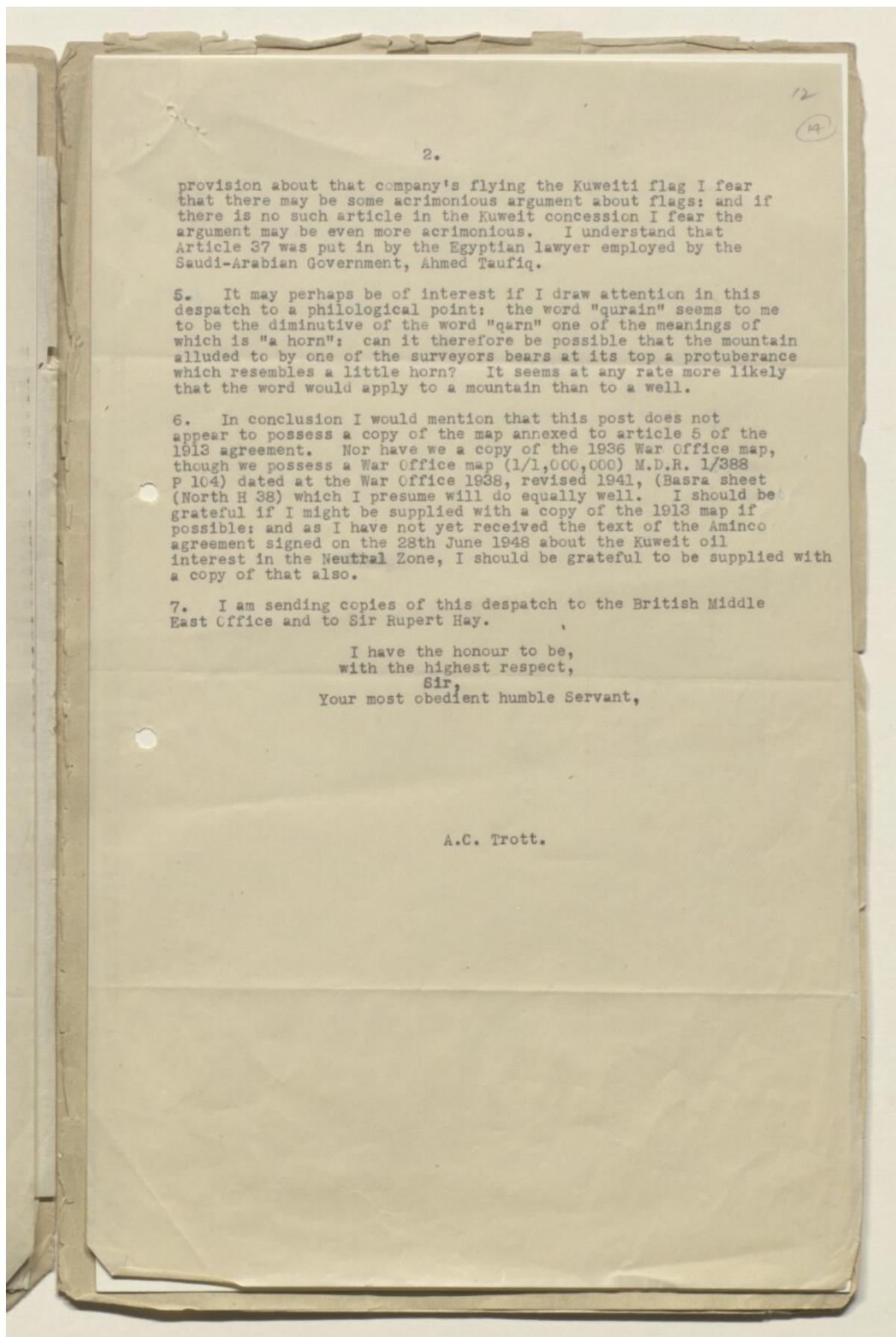
2. My American colleague has already raised the question with me and at his request I showed to a member of his staff the text of the Kuwaiti Nejd Boundary Convention of 1922 and article 5 of the unratified Anglo Turkish Agreement of 1913: he already possessed Aitchison's "Treaties Engagements and Sanads" Vol. XI, and I therefore had only to direct him to pages 213 and 266 of that work. I explained that I possessed no copy of the map referred to in article 5 of the latter Agreement. The official concerned drew my attention to the words "until through the good offices of the Government of Great Britain..." which occur in the 1922 Convention. I understand that the report which Mr. Childs sent to the State Department in this matter was factual, but I expect that in some way or other our good offices will be invoked fairly soon. The signing of the agreement, between the Saudi Arabian Government and the Pacific Western Oil Company concerning the Saudi undivided share of the Neutral Zone increases the urgency of this question and many others, some of which I propose to allude to in this despatch.

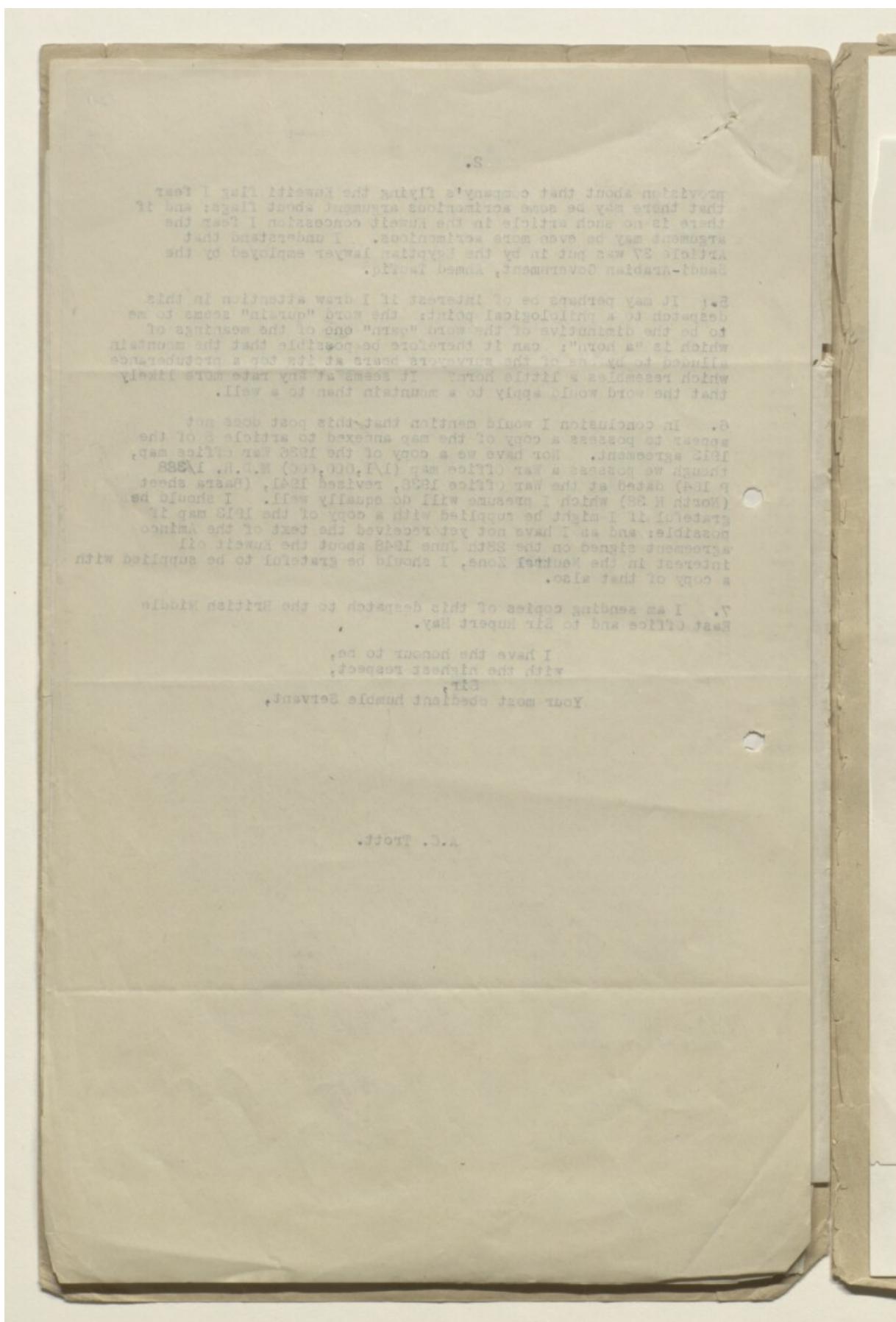
3. The administration of the Neutral Zone is perhaps the most important of these questions in practice. Mr. Childs tells me that he raised it with Fuad Hamza during his recent visit to Riyadh. Fuad had suggested to him that some kind of ex-territorial regime should be established in the Zone. This suggestion brought to my mind the three agreements of April 1942 between this country and Kuwait: on reading them through I find that the clause which is most relevant to Fuad Hamza's suggestion is Article 8 of the Extradition Agreement. It has also been suggested that the Zone should be divided, by mutual arrangement, by an east-west line through the middle, so that Kuwait could administer the northern part and Saudi Arabia the southern.

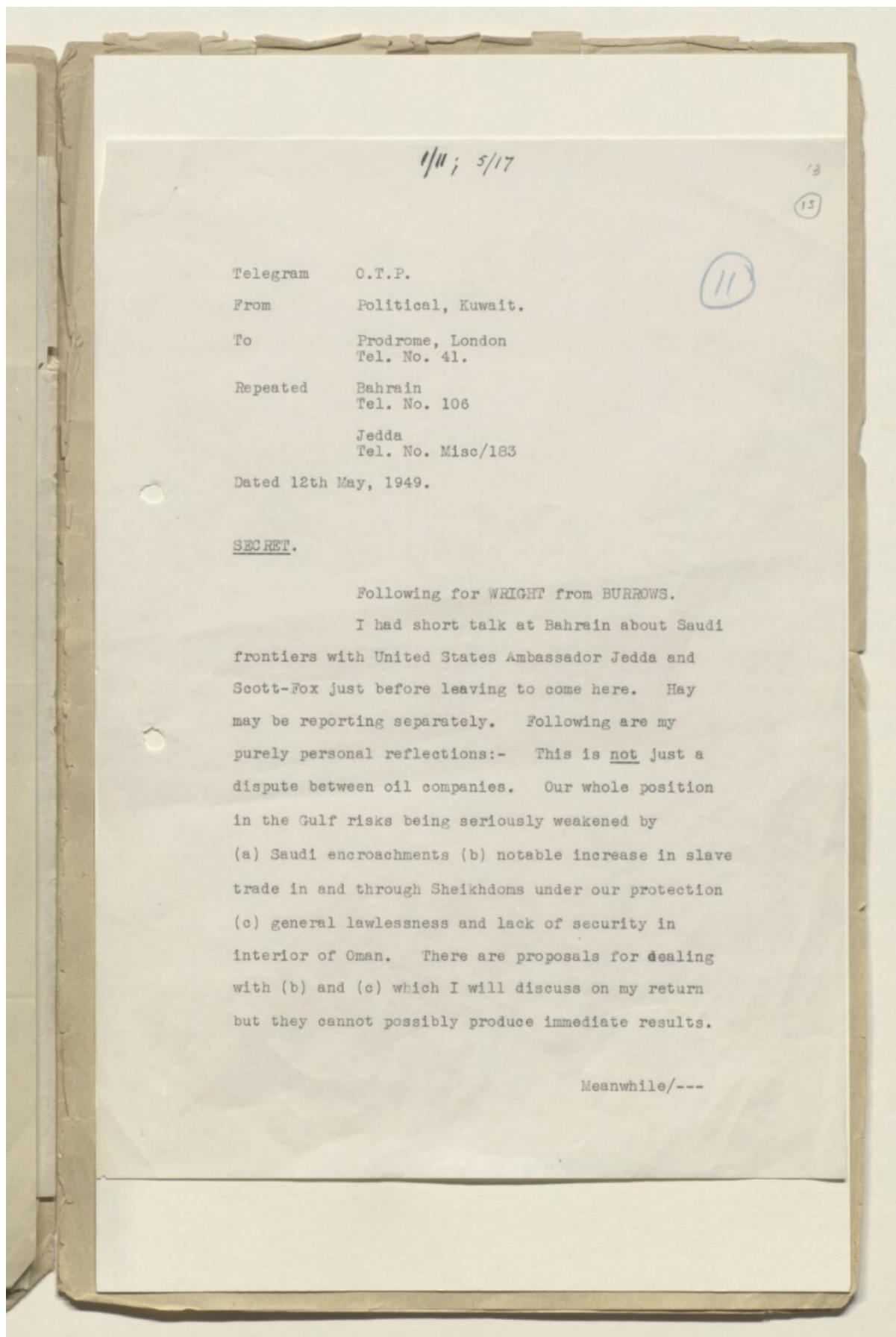
4. A small point, which may perhaps give rise to a good deal of friction, is the very extraordinary wording of Article 37 of the Pacific Western concession: it says "the Company shall fly the flag of Saudi Arabia within the Neutral Zone". I have not yet received a copy of the American Independent Oil Company's concession of the 28th June 1948 but even if it contains a similar provision

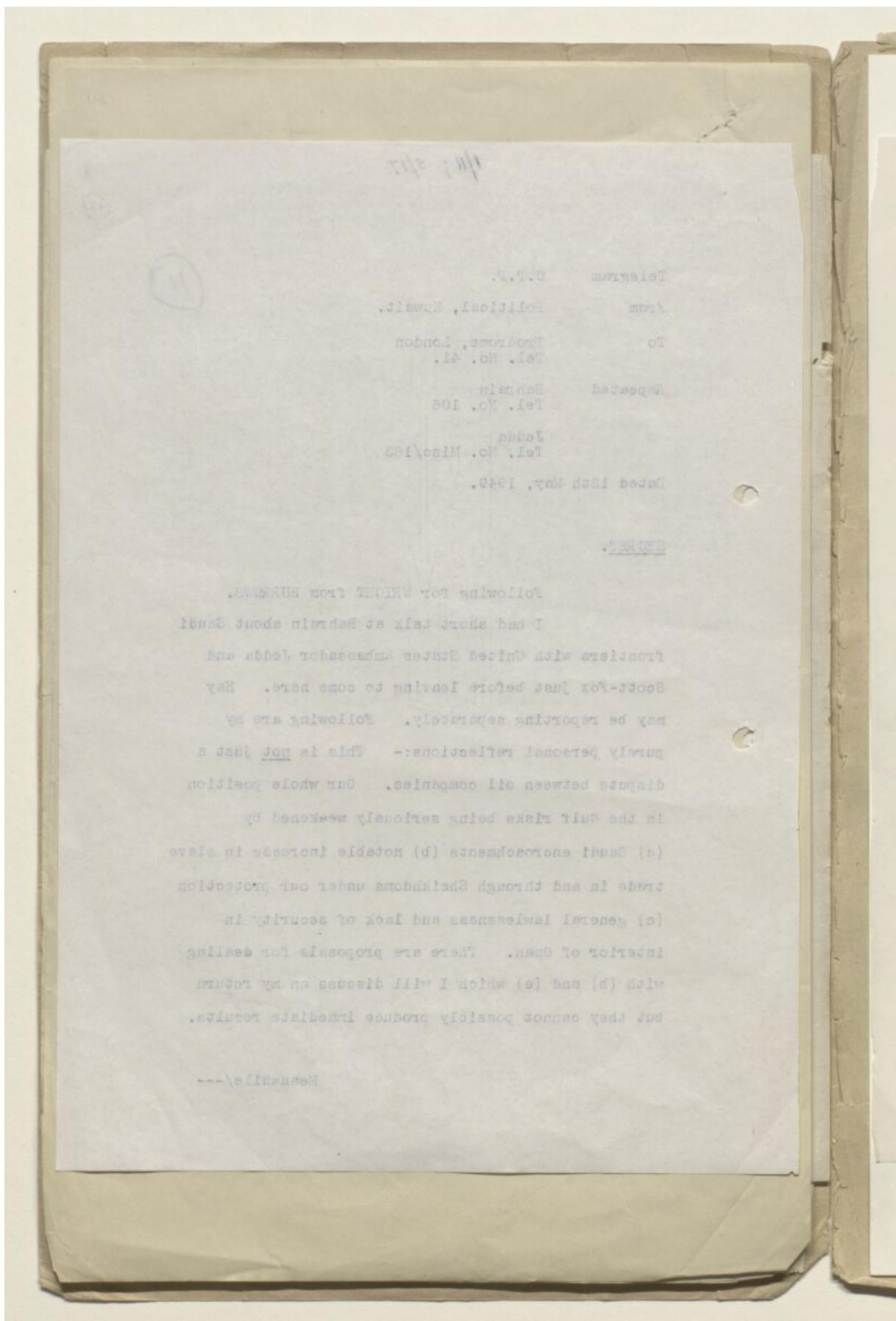
The Right Honourable C.R. Attlee, M.C., M.P.,  
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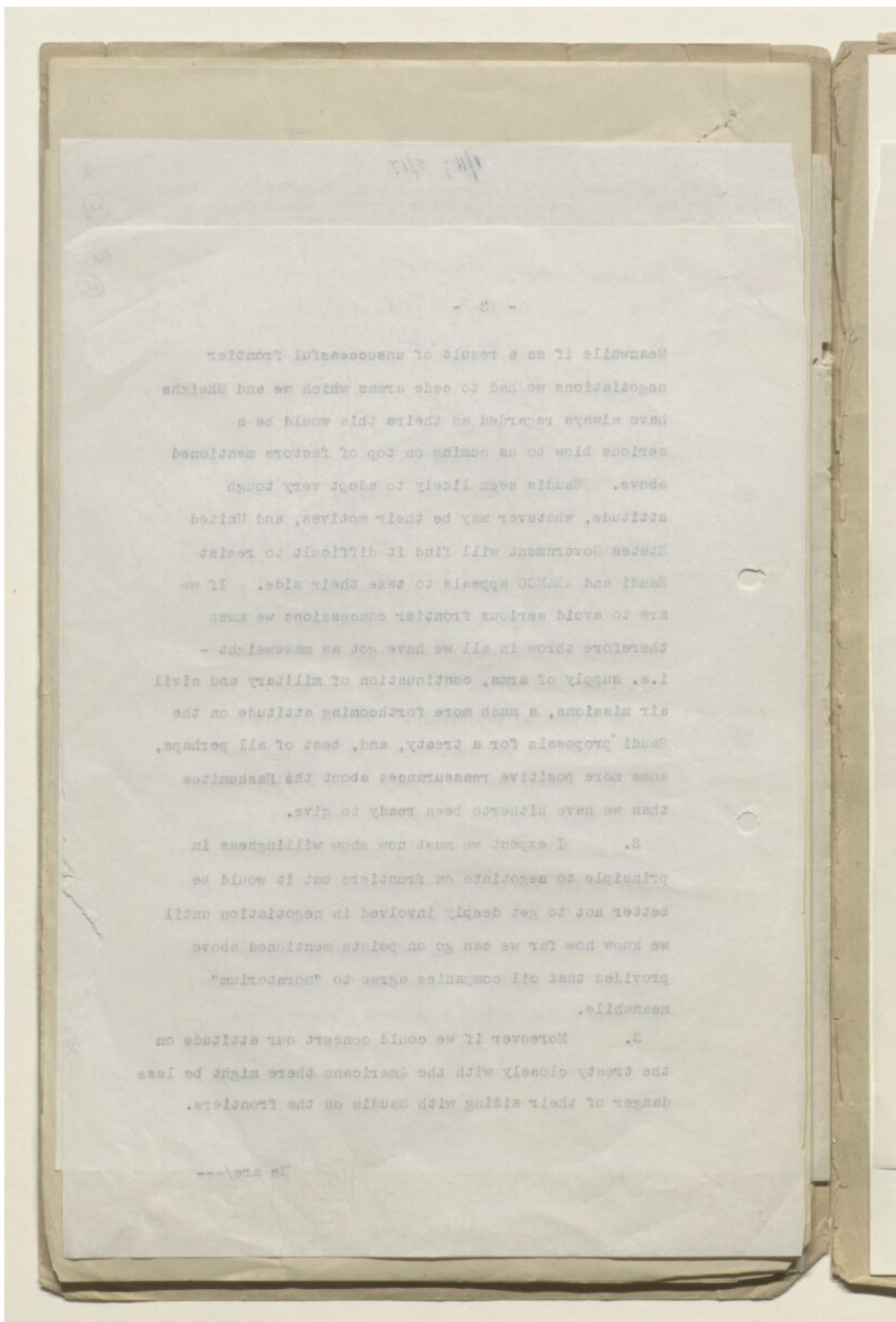
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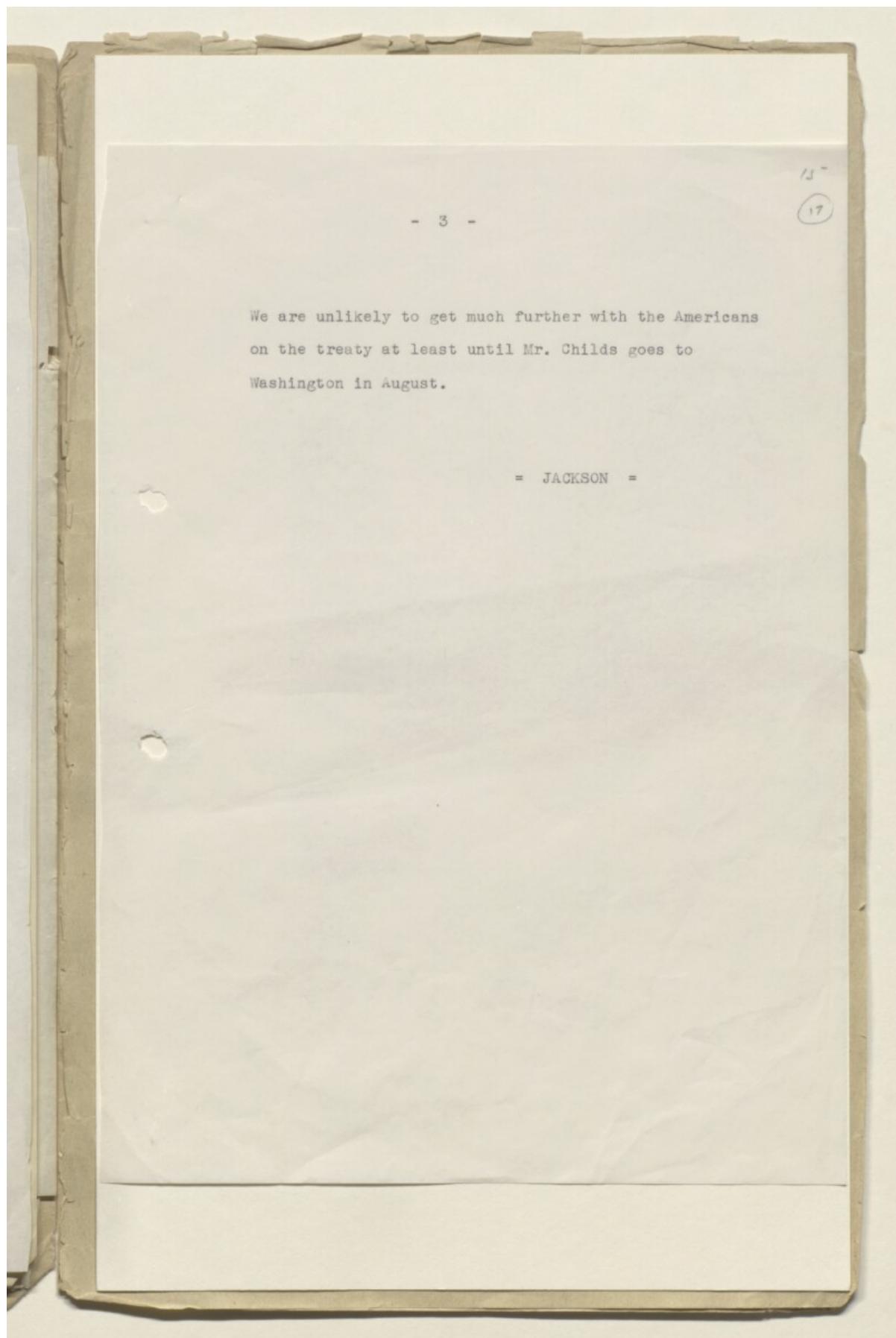
Meanwhile if as a result of unsuccessful frontier negotiations we had to cede areas which we and Sheikhs have always regarded as theirs this would be a serious blow to us coming on top of factors mentioned above. Saudis seem likely to adopt very tough attitude, whatever may be their motives, and United States Government will find it difficult to resist Saudi and ARAMCO appeals to take their side. If we are to avoid serious frontier concessions we must therefore throw in all we have got as makeweight - i.e. supply of arms, continuation of military and civil air missions, a much more forthcoming attitude on the Saudi proposals for a treaty, and, best of all perhaps, some more positive reassurances about the Hashemites than we have hitherto been ready to give.

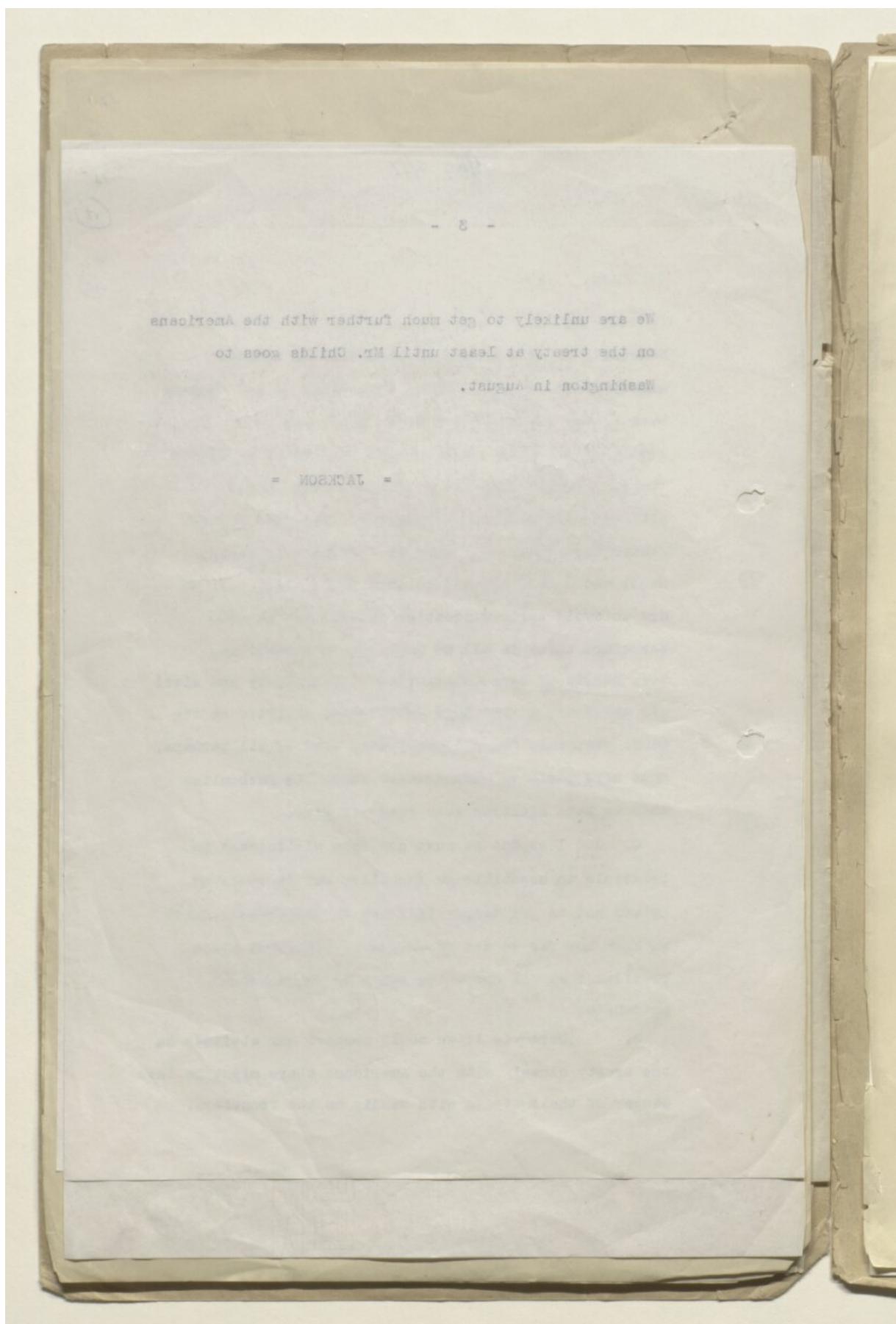
2. I expect we must now show willingness in principle to negotiate on frontiers but it would be better not to get deeply involved in negotiation until we know how far we can go on points mentioned above provided that oil companies agree to "moratorium" meanwhile.

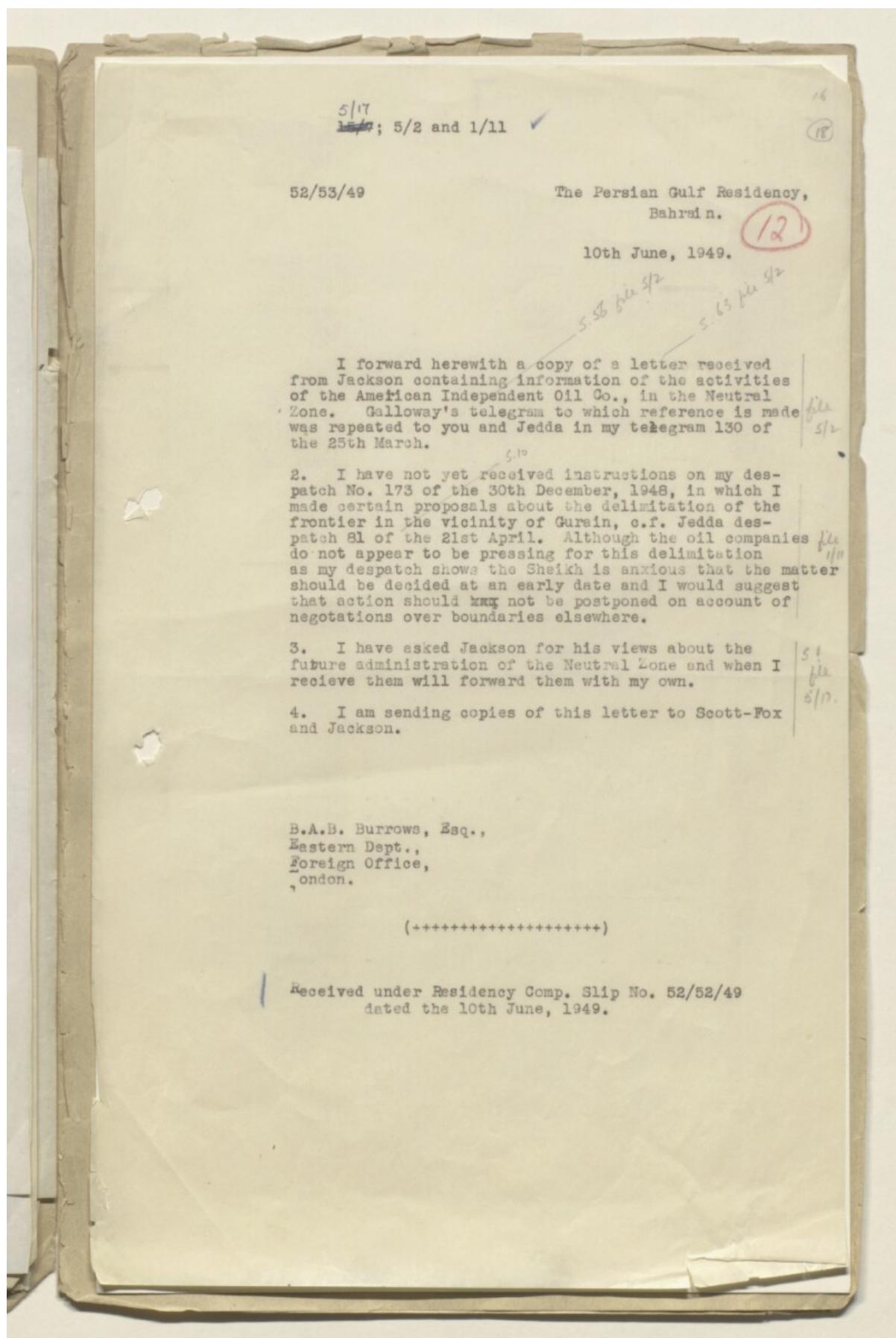
3. Moreover if we could concert our attitude on the treaty closely with the Americans there might be less danger of their siding with Saudis on the frontiers.

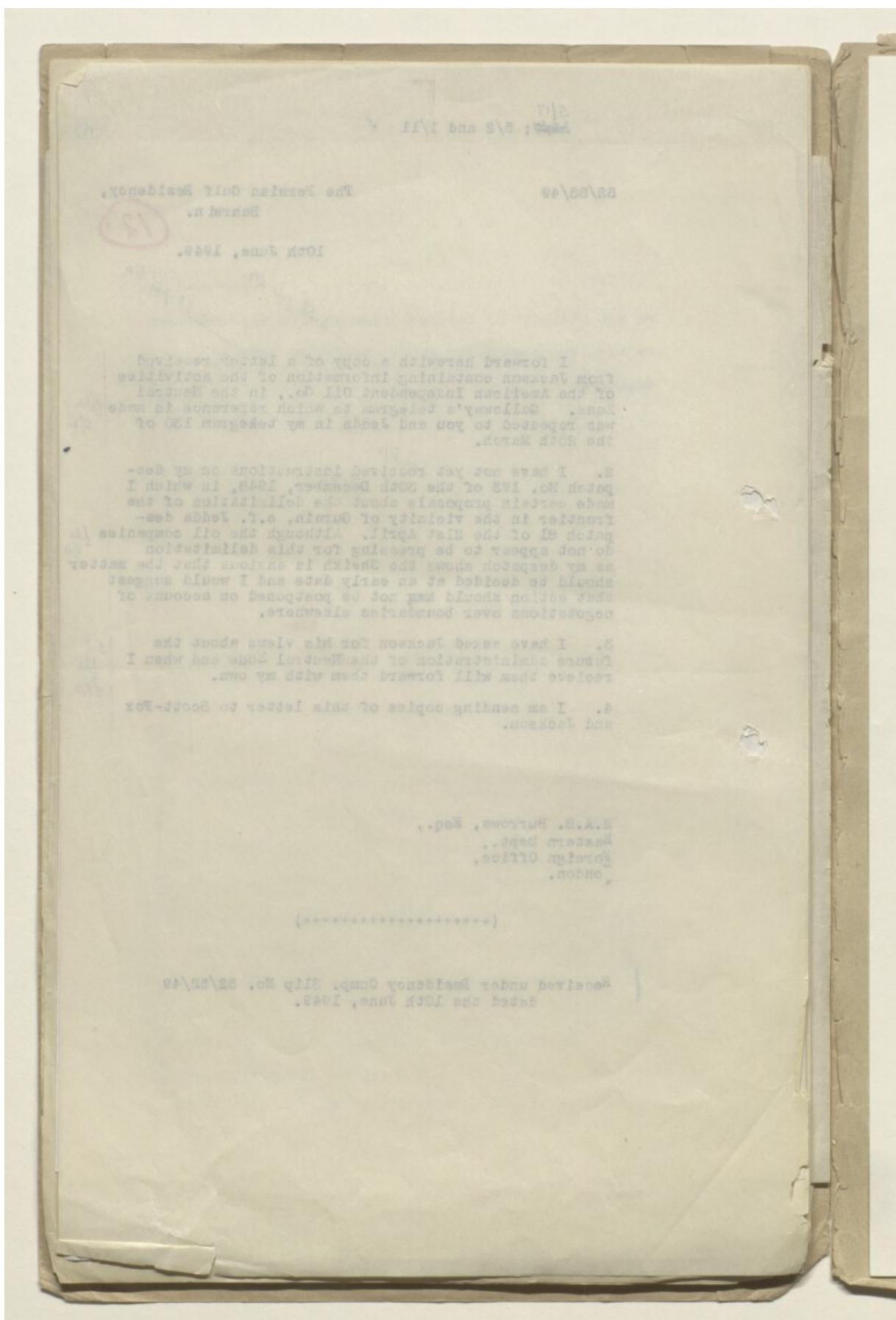
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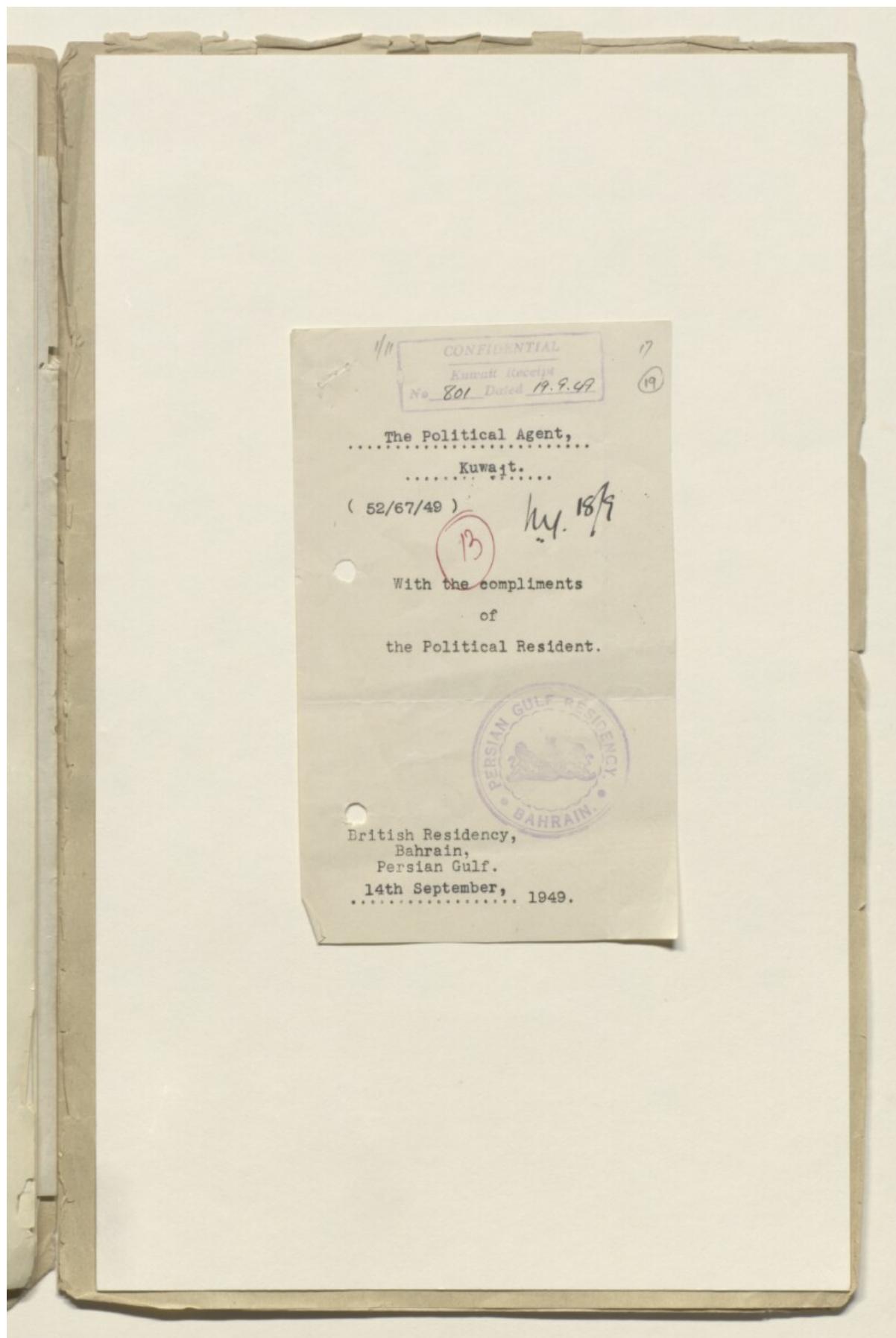


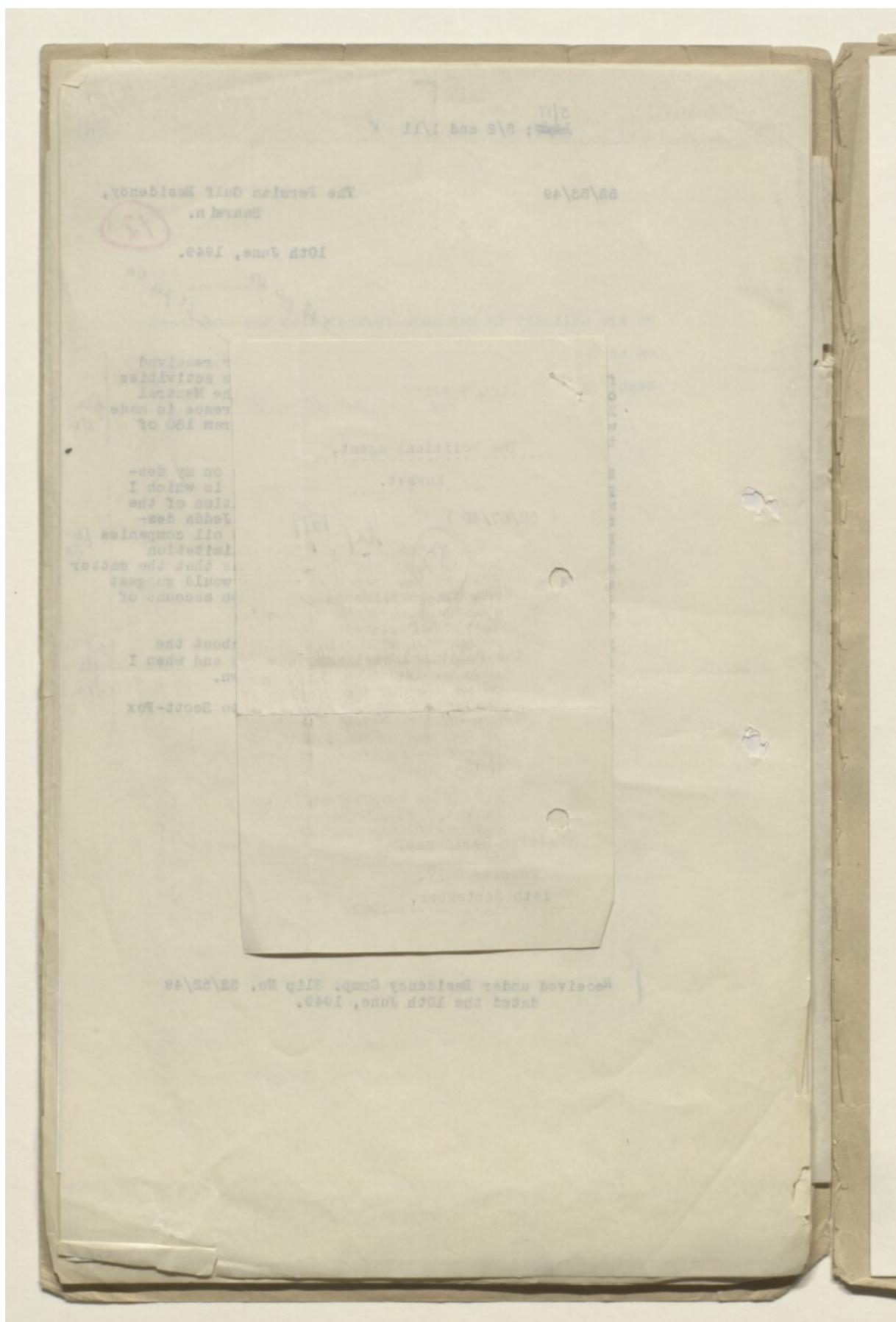


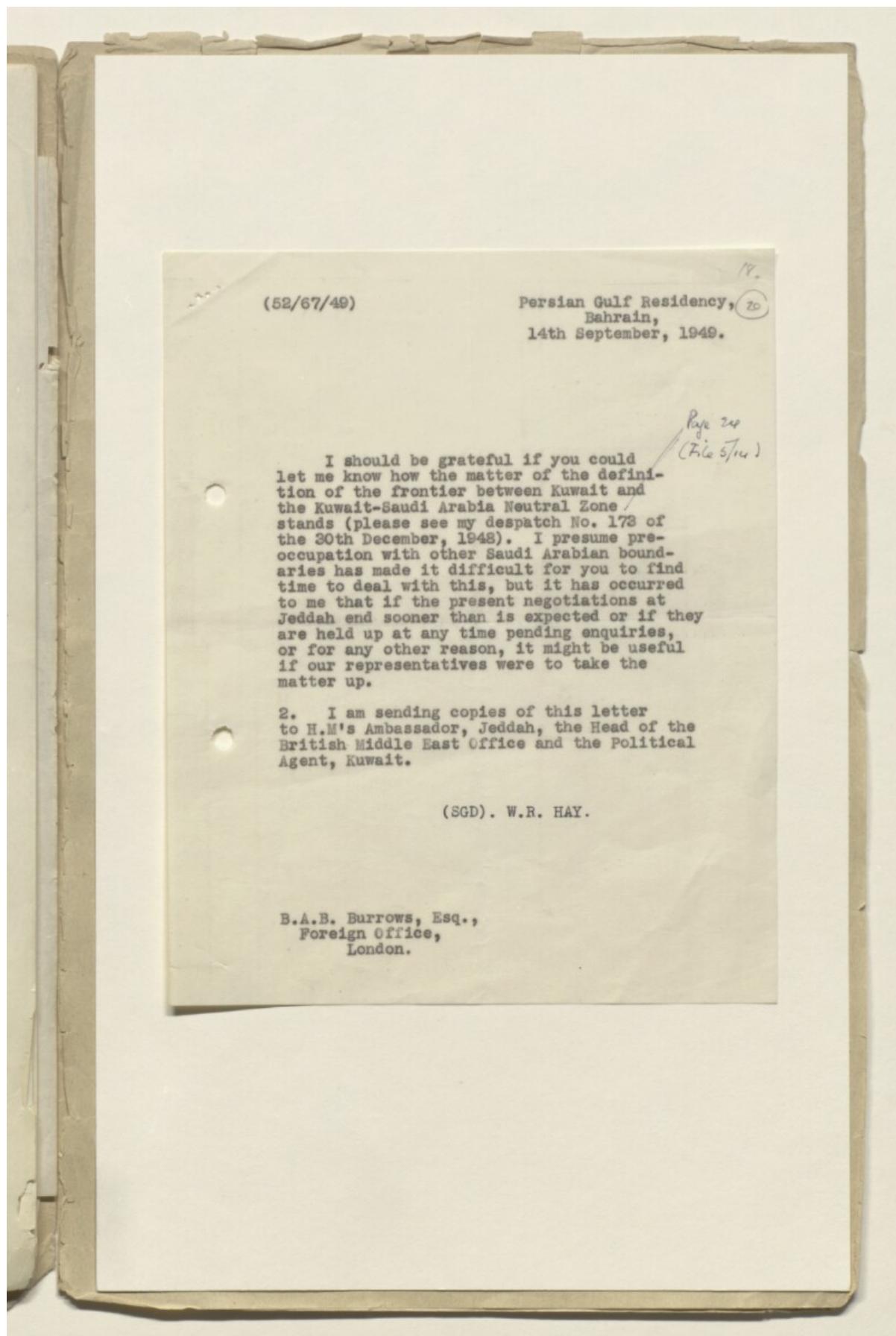


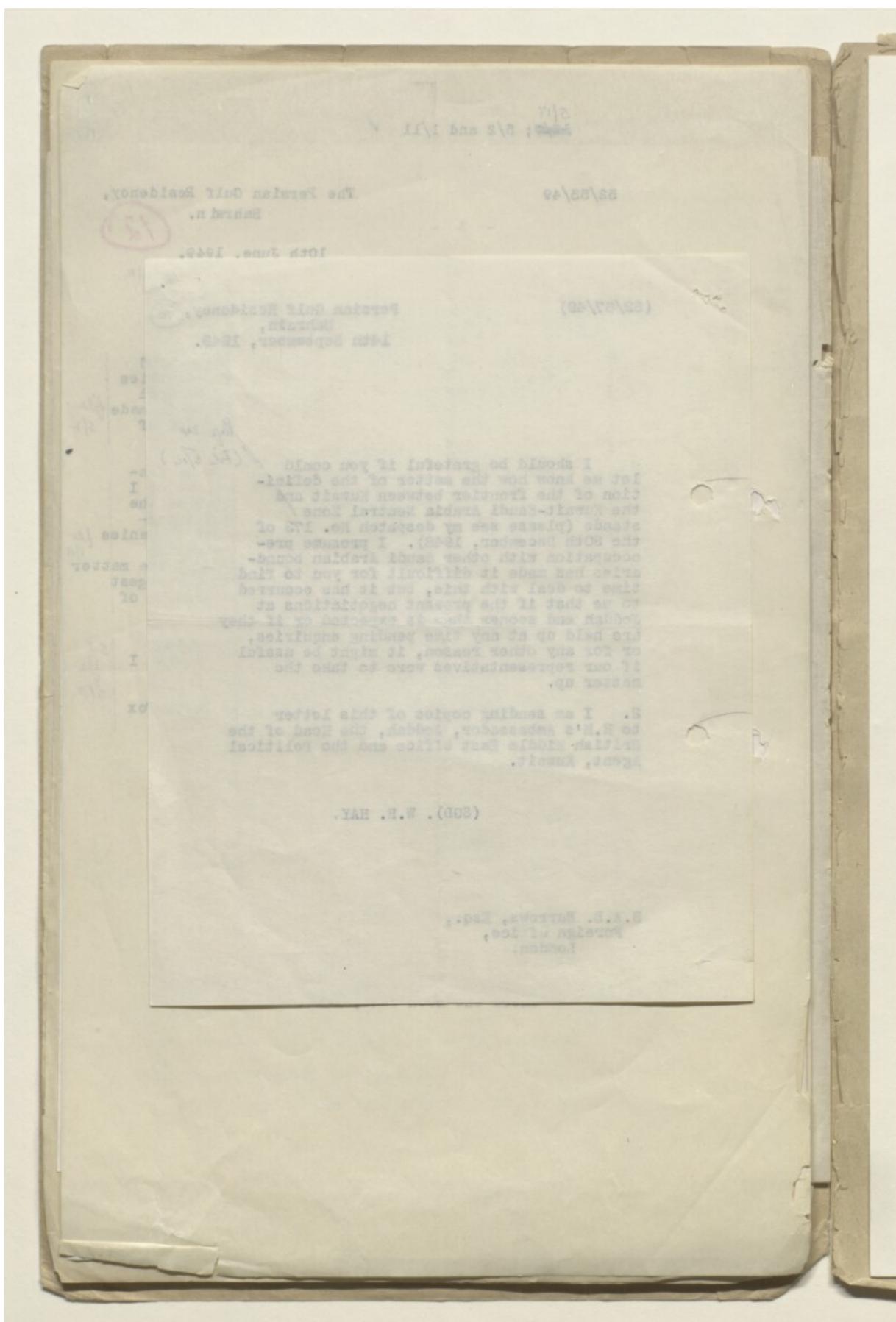


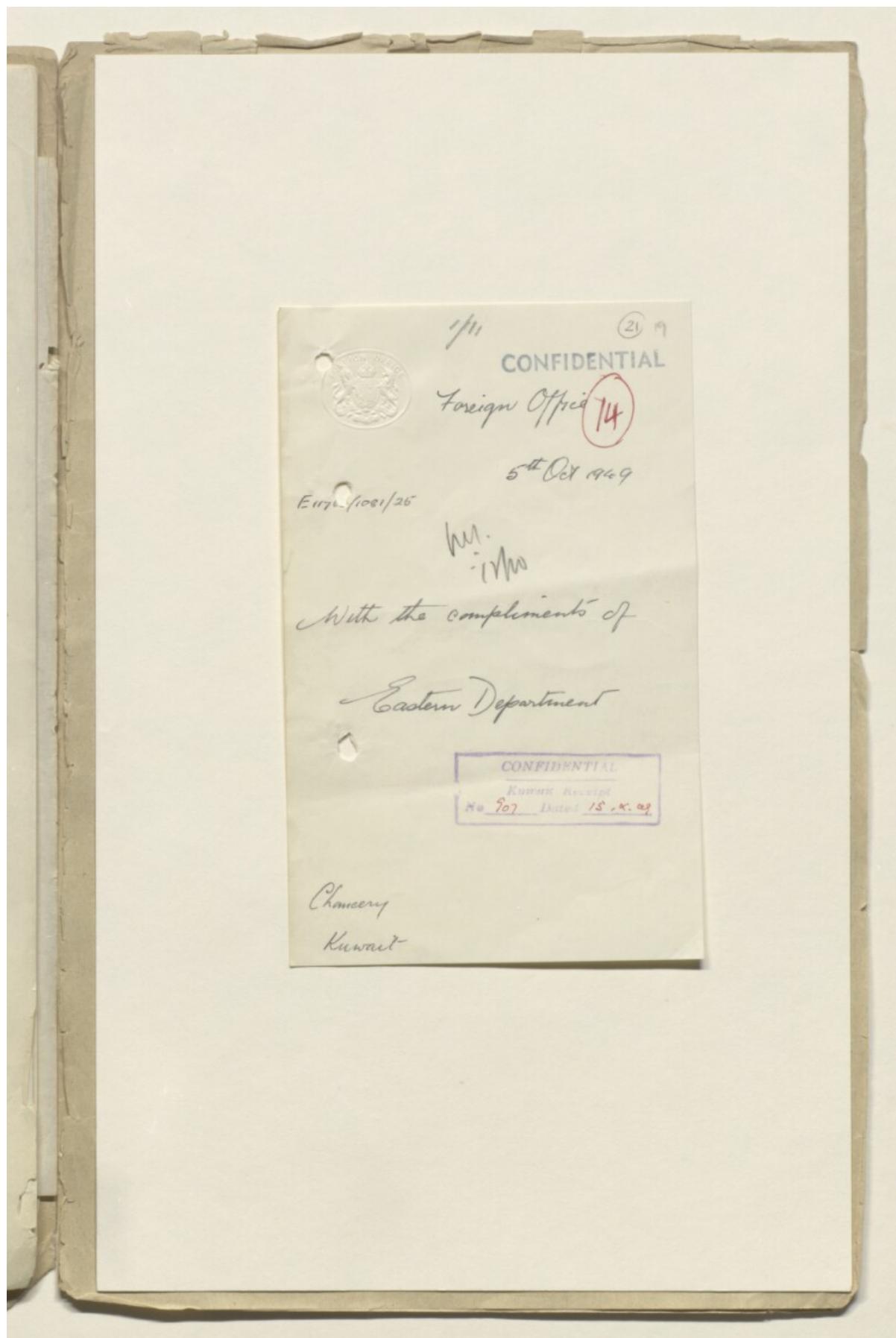


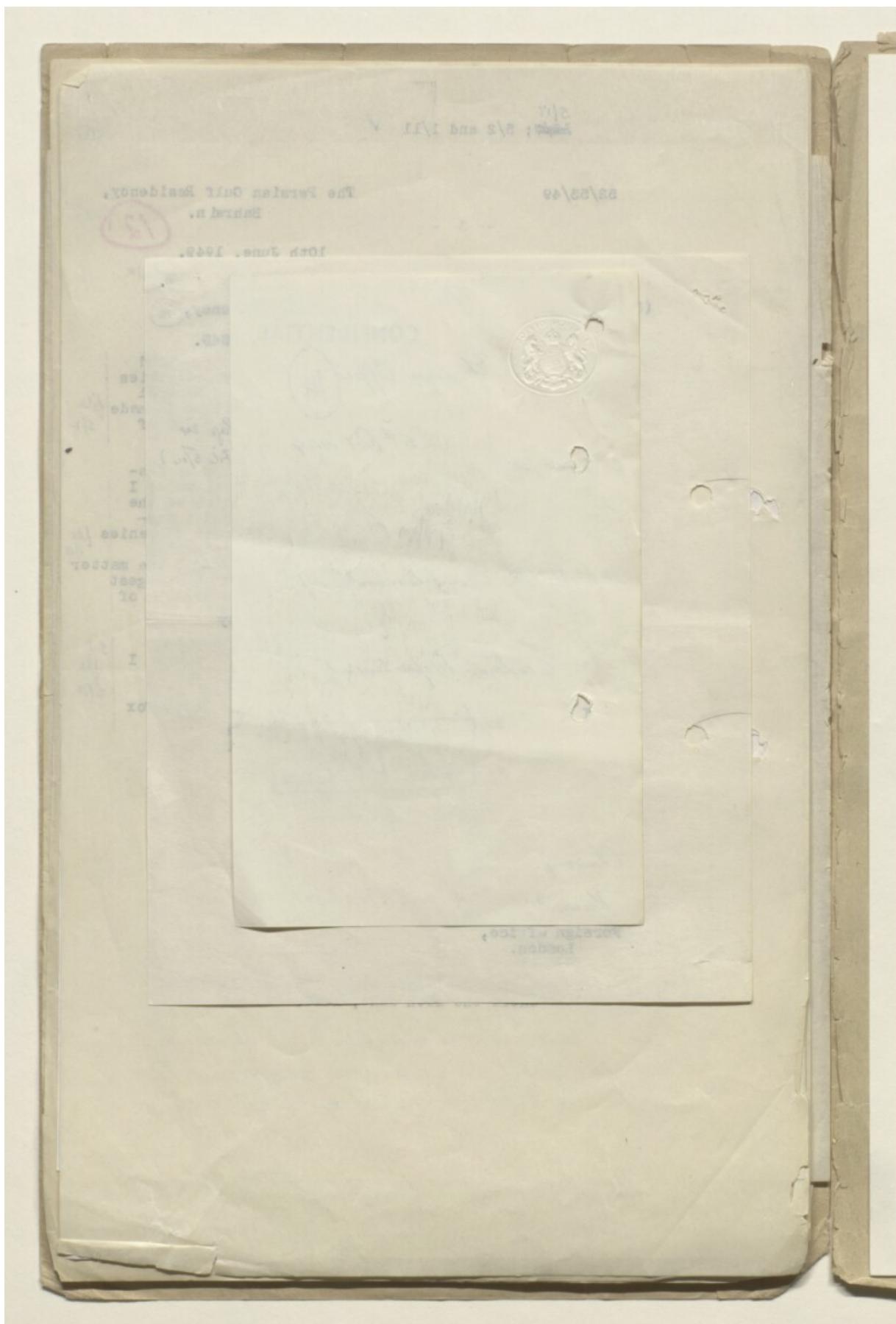


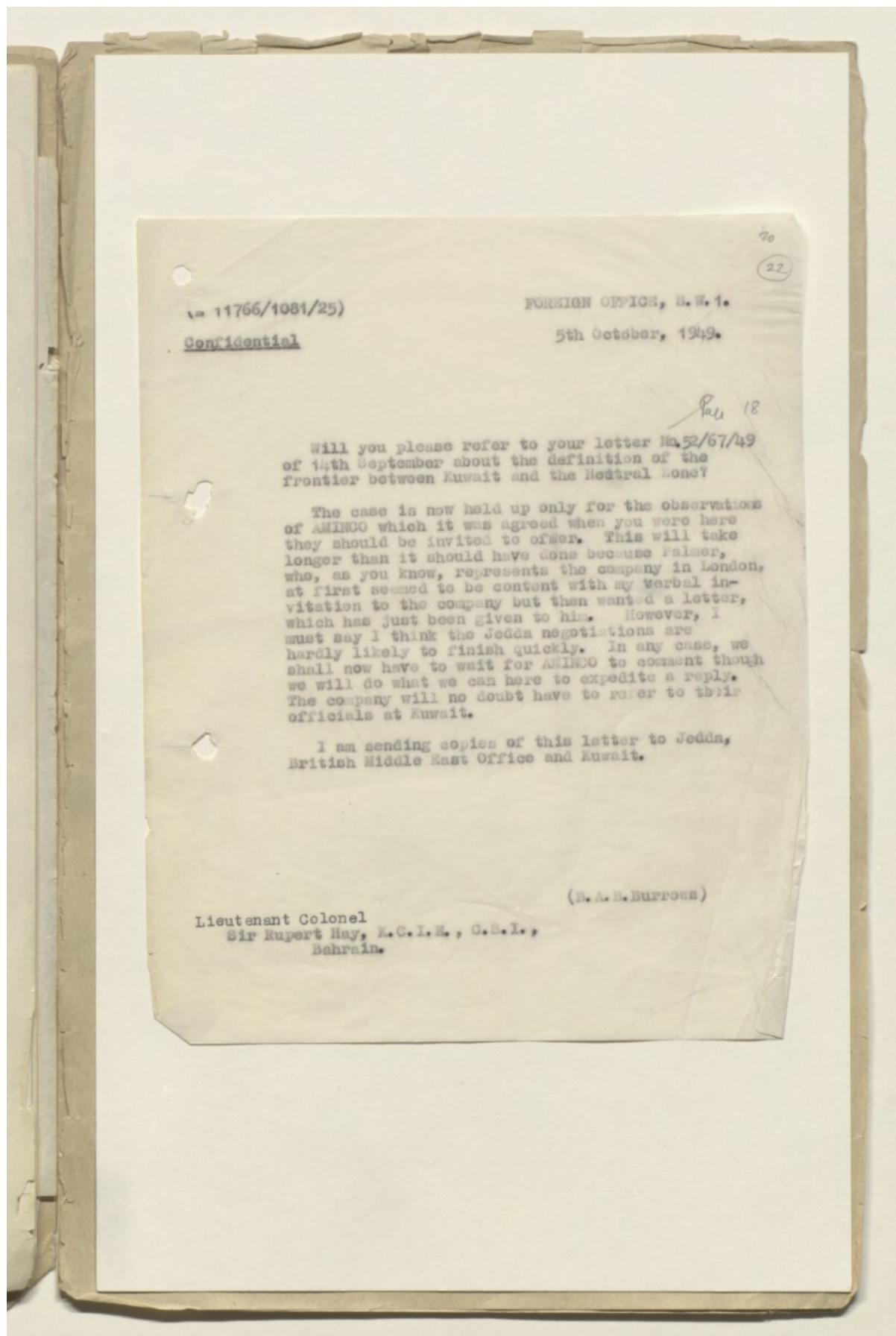


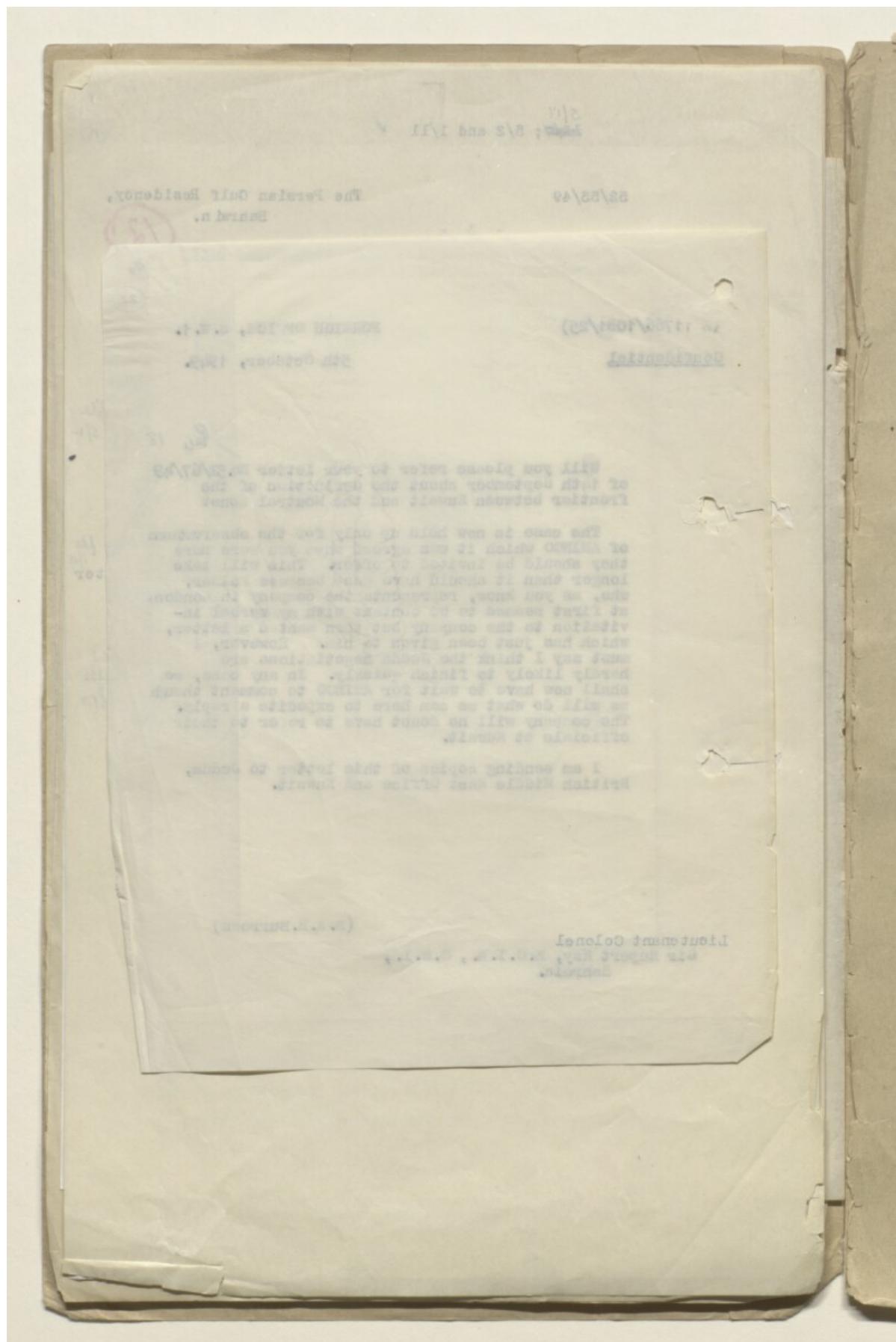












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